



Guidelines For Childhood Diseases

Most childhood diseases frequently start with a cold; therefore it is advisable to keep your child at home whenever he/she shows acute cold symptoms. We urge every parent to seek the best possible advice when illness occurs. This action will help to protect your child from the more serious complications, which sometimes follow very mild symptoms.

Students who manifest any of the following conditions must comply with the following recommendations:

Any undiagnosed Rash or Fever – Students will be excluded until they are symptom free for 24 hours without the use of fever relieving products.

Chickenpox - students must remain at home until all crusts are dry and there is no fever, approximately 5 to 7 days.

Conjunctivitis – students with “pink eye” or any questionable inflammation of the eye/eyes will be excluded from school with the assumption that it is a contagious condition. Students may be re-admitted 24 hours from the start of medication and/or when a physician deems student is non-infectious.

Coxsackie’s virus (hand foot, mouth) – students will be excluded with fever only.

5ths Disease (slapped cheek)- students will not be excluded from school, but please report this illness to the school nurse.(parvo-b-19 can get again) ok to stay in school if rash compatible with fifth’s

Head or Body Lice – students will be excluded until treatment is rendered according to school policy. No child will be readmitted to school until nit-free; the school nurse must process re-admission.

Impetigo or any questionable skin lesion – students may remain in school after treatment begins and if the lesion is covered.

Neuro-virus-excluded three days form onset of symptoms.

Ringworm - students must be treated with a fungicide medication. The area must be covered while in school.

Scarlet Fever or Respiratory Streptococcal infections - students must remain at home 24 hours from the start of antibiotic therapy.

Scabies - students must be treated with a lindane-based medication and may return to school after initial treatment. The treatment is to be repeated in 7 days.

Current legislation and enforcement have almost eradicated formerly common communicable diseases; therefore it is very important to report any incidents of measles, German measles, or mumps to the school nurse.