



GUIDELINES FOR EXCLUDING A STUDENT FROM SCHOOL

To protect students from communicable diseases, any student with any of the following symptoms should remain at home until the student is symptom free, has been satisfactorily treated, or submits a signed healthcare provider statement that he/she is not contagious.

- Fever in the past 24 hours of 100° F or higher.** *Student must be fever free for 24 hours, without the use of medicine, before returning to school.* Coming to school sick not only exposes other students to illness, but it also makes it difficult for the student to participate comfortably in school activities.
- Vomiting and or diarrhea two or more times in the past 24 hour period or vomiting and or diarrhea x1 if accompanied by other symptoms.** *Student must be symptom free for 24 hours before he/she can return to school.*
- Nausea or severe abdominal pain.** *Student must be symptom free for 24 hours* before he/she can return to school.
- Marked drowsiness or malaise.** Student must be symptom free before returning to school.
- Sore throat, acute cold or persistent cough.** Student must be symptom free before returning to school.
- Red inflamed or discharging eyes.** *Student must have a healthcare provider's note stating the condition is not contagious, or he/ she must be symptom free.*
- Wound, skin and soft tissue infections.** *Student must be excluded until drainage from wounds or skin and soft tissue infections is contained and maintained in a clean dry bandage.*
- Swollen glands around jaws, ears or neck.** Students must have written *healthcare provider's release* before returning to school.
- Suspected scabies or impetigo.** Students must have written *healthcare provider's release* before returning to school.
- Any skin lesion in the weeping stage.** *Lesions must be covered and diagnosed as non-infectious.*
- Earache.** Student must be symptom free.
- Head lice.** *Student must be lice and nit free before returning to school.* (Superintendent of the Catholic Schools in Texas, effective March 2009 and reviewed January 2013-current 2020-21)
- Other symptoms suggestive of acute illness.** Student will need a *written healthcare provider's release* before returning to school.

Please note that these guidelines were developed in compliance with Texas law and the Superintendent of the Catholic Schools in Texas, requiring exclusion for contagious diseases that could be spread at school. These guidelines must be enforced for the comfort and safety of all students.

Please remember to make arrangements for childcare ahead of time so you are not inconvenienced the next morning.