

When Should I Keep My Student Home?

NOTE: These are school instructions, not medical advice. Please contact your doctor with health concerns.

Student's Symptoms or Illness	Student May Return to School When*
Fever: temperature by mouth greater than 100.4 degrees	No fever for at least 72 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicine.
Skin rash or open sores	Rash is gone; sores are dry or can be completely covered by a bandage; or with orders from doctor to school nurse.
New Cough illness	In general, when symptom-free for 72 hours. If pertussis (whooping cough) is diagnosed, after taking 5-day course of prescribed antibiotics, or when cleared for return by local public health authority. If COVID-19 is diagnosed, with orders from local public health authority.
Diarrhea: 3 loose or watery stools in one day OR newly not able to control bowel movements	Symptom-free for 48 hours.
Vomiting	Symptom-free for 48 hours.
Headache with stiff neck and fever; OR with recent head injury	Symptom-free or with orders from doctor to school nurse.
Jaundice: (new) yellow color in eyes or skin	After orders from doctor or local public health authority to school nurse.
Red eyes or eye discharge: yellow or brown drainage from eyes	Redness and discharge is gone OR with orders from doctor to school nurse.
Acting different without a reason: unusually sleepy or grumpy OR acting differently after a head injury	After return to normal behavior OR with orders from doctor to school nurse.
Major health event, like surgery OR an illness lasting 2 or more weeks	After orders from doctor to school nurse.
Student's health condition requires more care than school staff can safely provide	After measures are in place for student's safety.