

## School Health Services

### Exclusion from School

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Please read and comply with the guidelines listed below regarding sending your child to school after an illness. Students have been returning to school too soon after an illness-related absence which then perpetuates the cycle of contagious illnesses among our students. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in protecting all our students from communicable or contagious diseases. Students need to be in optimal health for optimal learning.

#### **COMMUNICABLE DISEASES/CONDITIONS EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL**

To protect students from communicable illnesses, students infected with certain diseases are not allowed to come to school while contagious. If a parent suspects that his or her child has a communicable or contagious disease, the parent should contact the campus nurse so that other students who might have been exposed to the disease may be alerted according to Department of State Health Services. Students should be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.

The guidelines below have been developed for the exclusion of students who have communicable or contagious diseases.

A student with any of the following symptoms must be excluded from school until such time as the student is free from symptoms.

- Temperature of 100.0 degrees or more. Student must be fever free for 24 hours, without medication, before re-entry.(Texas Administrative Code)
  - Vomiting or diarrhea. Student must be symptom free for 24 hours, without medication, before re-entry.(Texas Administrative Code)
  - Pain and/or swelling at angle of jaw
  - Undetermined rash over any part of the body accompanied by fever
  - Under diagnosed scaly patches on the body or scalp
  - Red, draining eyes
  - Intense itching with signs and symptoms of secondary infection
  - Open, draining lesions or wounds
  - Jaundice
- For any infection, antibiotics must be taken for a minimum of 24 hours prior to re-admittance to school.

A certificate of the attending physician attesting that the child does not currently have signs or symptoms of a communicable disease or to the disease's non-communicability in a school setting; may be deemed necessary for reentry into school.

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Campus Nurse

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Clinic Phone Number