



When should my child stay home from school due to illness?

A child who is sick will not be able to perform well in school and is likely to spread the illness to other children and staff. We suggest making a plan for childcare ahead of time so you will not be caught without a comforting place for your child to stay if he/she is ill.

The Allegheny County Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have provided the following guidelines:

Your child should not be sent to school hoping that he or she will feel better after arriving.

- Your child should be kept home following a nighttime bout of nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea and watched for further symptoms.
- Your child should remain home if he/she has had a temperature of 100 degrees or higher. A child should have a normal temperature for 24 hours **without fever reducing medicines** before returning to school.
- Whooping Cough: exclude from school until 5 days from start of appropriate antimicrobial treatment.
- Pink Eye: 24 hours after initiation of treatment.
- Strep Throat: 24 hours after initiation of treatment.
- Lice: Until treated with a pediculicidal agent. Seven days after treatment a health care provider or school nurse shall re-examine for infestation.
- Chicken Pox: Six days from the outbreak of the last crop of blisters with all pox marks dried.
- Impetigo, scabies or ringworm: Until judged non-infectious by the physician or 24 hours after initiation of treatment.

What if my child becomes sick at school?

If your child becomes ill at school you will be called to come and take him/her home from school. It is essential that we have a phone number where you can be contacted during the day and an emergency number in the event you cannot be reached. Please be sure that arrangements can be made to transport your child home from school and that childcare is available in case of illness. If your daytime or emergency phone number changes during the year, please notify the school immediately.

Please call the school's Health Office if you have any questions or concerns.

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