



STAFF ILLNESS PROTOCOL

Remember the best way to prevent the spread of infection is hand washing and staying home when you are sick.

When do I stay home?

SYMPTOMS	DO I STAY HOME?
DIARRHEA Frequent, loose, or watery stools compared to normal that are not caused by food, medicine, or a known health concern.	YES -Staff may return 24 hours after the last episode of diarrhea unless caused by an illness that requires them to stay home longer or a healthcare provider says it is not contagious.
FEVER A Fever of 100.1 °F or above	YES -for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone, without the use of medicine that reduces the fever.
“FLU-LIKE” SYMPTOMS Fever over 100.1 °F or above with a cough or sore throat. Other flu symptoms can include tiredness, body aches, vomiting, and diarrhea.	YES -for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone, without the use of medicine that reduces fever.
VOMITING Throwing up that is not related to activity, or coughing, a known health condition, or self-induced.	YES -You may return 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting unless caused by an illness that requires you to stay home longer or a healthcare provider says it is not contagious.
RASH Not related to sunburn, a known allergen, or a new medication.	NO YES -with fever. Any rash that spreads quickly has open weeping wounds, and/or is not healing should be evaluated by a healthcare provider before returning to school.
MILD RESPIRATORY OR COLD SYMPTOMS Stuffy nose with clear drainage, sneezing, and coughing.	NO -If you can perform regular duties and do not have a fever. YES -If you have multiple illness symptoms, fatigue, fever, green or yellow nasal drainage, and productive cough.

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Additional helpful information

ILLNESS	CHILD MUST STAY HOME?
CHICKENPOX	YES -until blisters have dried up and scabed over.
CONJUNCTIVITIS (PINK EYE)	YES -until 24 hours after the first treatment.
HAND FOOT AND MOUTH (Coxsackie virus)	NO -however, weeping blisters must be covered
NOROVIRUS	YES-until 48 hours after the last vomiting/diarrhea episode.
SCABIES	YES -until 24 hours after the first treatment.
BED BUGS	NO
IMPETIGO	YES -until 24 hours after the first treatment.
RINGWORM	NO - Can return 24 hours after the first treatment. If detected while at school: Staff will go home at the end of the school day.
STREP THROAT	YES -until 24 hours after antibiotics
HEAD LICE	YES - until treatment has been initiated. If head lice is detected at school: Notify the school nurse. You can go home at the end of the school day and return after treatment has been initiated.
COVID-19 or COVID-19 SYMPTOMS May include but are not limited to the following: Fever or chills, new loss of taste or smell, fatigue, new or unexplained persistent cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, runny nose or congestion, muscle or body aches, headache, nausea, and/or vomiting and diarrhea.	YES -follow the health department and/or healthcare provider instructions. You can return only if fever-free for at least 24 hours <u>without the use of fever-reducing medication</u> , AND symptoms have improved.
VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASES Measles, Mumps, Rubella (German Measles), Pertussis (whooping cough) NOTE: If there is a disease outbreak at school all vaccine-exempt students may be excluded during the active outbreak per Wyoming state guidelines.	YES -until the healthcare provider has cleared you to return. Provide a healthcare provider's note to the school nurse.

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