

Exclusion from School for Health Reasons

POLICY:

The school nurse or program administrator may exclude a student from school for health reasons if the student:

1. Has returned from a hospital admission within the past 24 hours and does not have appropriate documentation. This does not include routine tests. This **does** include emergency department visits even if admission to an inpatient unit does not occur
2. Has a tympanic temperature of 100.0 Fahrenheit or greater. The exception is a child with a documented hypothalamic issue (temperature regulation issue) who is asymptomatic. *Addendum: In accordance with the guidance from local Boards of Health related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the following parameters are required:* Temperature must be below 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit for a full 72 hours without use of antipyretics prior to return to school.
3. Has symptoms suggestive of novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) or has had known exposure to confirmed case of COVID-19. Follow individual protocols specific to situation (Refer to “Health & Safety Protocols: COVID-19 Addendum”)
4. Has symptomatic or asymptomatic novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Follow individual protocols specific to situation (Refer to “Health & Safety Protocols: COVID-19 Addendum”)
5. Has strep throat and has not been on antibiotic therapy for 24 hours
6. Has a culture(s) pending, (exceptions can be made at the discretion of the school nurse)
7. Is on respiratory precautions, and/or has a significant change in respiratory status
8. Has chicken pox/shingles, with active rash (rash must be dry, non-weeping), shingles must be covered for student to return
9. With significant seizure activity
10. Has had persistent vomiting and diarrhea; must be symptom free for 24 hours prior to attending school
11. Has a condition that requires immediate intervention (i.e. broken bone)
12. Has a condition that requires ongoing supervision, which cannot be adequately provided in a school setting

13. Is very sleepy to the point where the student cannot access their schedule
14. Experiencing excessive bleeding after a dental visit
15. Poses a significant health risk to others in the normal course of school activities. A significant health risk is when:
 - a. Any student is in the infectious stage of an airborne transmitted disease
 - b. Students are unable to hygienically manage their bowel and bladder functions and they are in the infectious stage of an oral-fecal transmitted disease. Oral-fecal transmitted diseases include, but are not limited:
 - i. Hepatitis A
 - ii. Gastrointestinal infections such as Giardia, Salmonella, Shigella, and Rotovirus)
 - iii. Parasites (such as pinworms)
 - c. Students have a disease which may be transmitted by body fluids, and have open lesions and whose developmental level or behavior makes it difficult for them to refrain from touching the lesion and, therefore, spreading the underlying infection. These infections include:
 - i. Herpes
 - ii. Impetigo
 - iii. Hepatitis B virus
 - iv. Staphylococcus Aureus
 - v. Beta Hemolytic Streptococcus
 - vi. Conjunctivitis