

When to Stay Home from School

Send Home Policy

If a student has a temperature of 100 degrees or higher, or is determined to be too ill to be in school for the day (diarrhea, vomiting, suspicious rash, chronic coughing, etc.) the parent/guardian will be called to pick up their child.

Is My Child Too Sick for School?

It is sometimes difficult to know when to send your child to school. The main reasons for keeping your child home are if they are too sick to be comfortable in school and/or to prevent the spread of illness to others. Please report any illness or symptoms your child is experiencing. This information is helpful to monitor trends of illnesses at school.

Fever: Temperature of 100 degrees or higher. The child should not return to school until fever free without use of fever-reducing medication (Tylenol or Ibuprofen) for 24 hours.

Vomiting and Diarrhea: The child should be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.

Rash: If a child has a rash that may be related to a disease or unknown cause, a healthcare provider should check the child before returning to school.

Pink-Eye: The child can be at school unless the child has a fever or is not healthy enough to participate in routine activities. Antibiotics or a note from a health care provider are not required.

Strep Throat: The child may return to school 12 hours after starting medication and 24 hours fever free without the use of fever reducing medications (Tylenol or Ibuprofen).

Influenza, COVID, or any respiratory illness: Stay at home until fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications (Tylenol or Ibuprofen) and child is well enough to participate in normal activities.

Head Lice: The child may be at school, but treatment is required at home.

The school will follow the most current recommendations from the Minnesota Department of Health for disease specific guidelines.

<https://www.hennepin.us/-/media/hennepinus/residents/health-medical/infectious-diseases/specific-exclusions-schools.pdf>

For questions or concerns about health related illnesses, please contact a school nurse.

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