



GUIDELINES FOR EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL

NOTE #1: Please keep us informed of any changes in your home address, home telephone number, work telephone number, and the contact information **emergency contact that we are to contact if we are unable to reach you.**

NOTE # 2: Parents/Guardians will be called and required to take home any child who becomes ill, or is suspected of having a contagious condition, **during school hours. For the safety of all students and staff, it is required for the child to be picked up within 2 hours of being notified.**

Bed Bugs: The child may remain in school. Store freshly laundered clothes and backpacks in bags when sending a child to school to prevent spread to other children. Refer to provider and treat infestation with the assistance of a licensed, pest management professional.

CHICKEN POX: The child must stay home from school for a minimum of five days after the rash appears and until all blisters are scabbed.

COLD: No exclusion is necessary unless the temperature is 99.6 degrees or above, **and** other symptoms are present, including productive cough, discolored mucous, or excessive coughing. Colds are not contagious for the first 2 days. The child may return to school when the temperature is normal and is able to participate in classroom activities. Children with heavy coughs, change in behaviors, excessive runny noses, and cannot participate in class, should be kept at home to not spread colds to other children.

CORONAVIRUS [COVID-19]: Parents and guardians are recommended to self-screen their child prior to reporting to school or programs and keep their child home if experiencing any symptoms. Staff, children, students, and clients who are ill must stay home from work, programs, and school. Staff, children, students, and clients shall be sent home if they become ill at work, school, program, or service. Students, staff, and contractors shall report immediately to their immediate supervisor/principal if they are COVID-19 positive or were in close contact with a person who has COVID-19. These individuals will be provided guidance on whether to isolate or quarantine as per the DCIU Health and Safety Plan. The CDC reports that people with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus.** DCIU and DCTS recommend staff and contractors to self-screen prior to reporting to work, programs, and schools and stay at home if experiencing any symptoms related to COVID-19. Signs and symptoms of COVID-19 can include fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, nasal congestion or rhinorrhea, vomiting, or diarrhea, and skin rashes.

To allow time for students to catch up with the latest recommendations and to minimize disruption to in-person learning, DCIU and DCTS may consider forgoing quarantine for students ages 12-17 years who completed their primary vaccine series but have not yet received all eligible boosters.

The DCIU Health and Safety Plan if in effect will provide Guidance for Health and Safety.

DIARRHEA: If a child has more than one loose stool (not caused by medications) or is feverish, they must remain out of school until there are no episodes of diarrhea for 24 hours.

ELEVATED TEMPERATURE: Children must stay home if they present an oral temperature of 99.6 degrees if other symptoms are present and 101 degrees if no other symptoms are present. **The child must remain out until the temperature is normal for 24 hours without the aid of medication.**

HEAD LICE (PEDICULOSIS): Lice is unlikely to be transmitted in a classroom setting. The child may stay in the classroom until the end of the day. Can return when a child has been treated. Recheck in 10 days. When a child has lice, every child in the class should be checked. Removal of all nits is not necessary if treatment has been given. Please provide evidence of lice treatment.

IMPETIGO: Exclude until at least 24 hours after treatment has begun. The note is needed from the doctor. Loosely cover exposed lesions with bandages.

PINK EYE (CONJUNCTIVITIS): Exclusion from school is only required if caused by bacteria (purulent conjunctivitis) and not allergies. Individuals can be re-admitted to school once antibiotic treatment has been initiated for 24 hours (if determined to be caused by bacteria).

RINGWORM (TINEA CAPITUS): The child may stay in the classroom until the end of the day. Exclude at end of the day. The area should be covered, if possible, while the child is in class. Can return once treatment has begun.

SCABIES: Exclude until 48 hours after treatment has begun and there is no fever without the use of medication for 24 hours. Need a doctor's note for verification of treatment.

STREP THROAT: exclude until 48 hours after treatment has begun and there is no fever without the use of medication for 24 hours. Need a doctor's note for verification of treatment.

UNEXPLAINED RASHES: No exclusion is necessary unless the child is feverish, or the rash is infected. Isolate children as much as possible from other children. The child may have to go home until the doctor determines the rash is not contagious or the rash fades.

VOMITING: The child must be excluded until there has been no vomiting for 24 hours from the last episode of vomiting.
