



Tri-Valley Schools

A note from the Nurse:

Communicable Illness Guidelines

These guidelines have been established to protect students and staff from contagious illnesses within the school environment. A student exhibiting these symptoms will not be permitted to return to school until he/she recovers from the illness. These guidelines will give you a good idea of when students may return to school following an illness.

1. **Fever of 100 degrees or higher:** No fever for a full 24 hours before returning to school.
2. **Diarrhea:** No diarrhea for a full 24 hours before returning to school.
3. **Vomiting:** No vomiting for a full 24 hours before returning to school.
4. **Strep Throat:** Must be on antibiotics (prescribed by a physician) for a full 24 hours and must have a temperature below 100 degrees for a full 24 hours.
5. **Chicken pox:** All lesions must be crusted and be free of fever for a full 24 hours before returning to school.
6. **Cough:** Should stay home with frequent, harsh cough, and/or wheezing, labored breathing.
7. **Conjunctivitis (pink eye):** Must be on antibiotics (prescribed by a physician) for a full 24 hours and all redness and drainage from the eye must be resolved.
8. **Impetigo:** Must be on antibiotics (prescribed by a physician) for a full 24 hours before returning to school.
9. **Lice:** The home, student, and all individuals living in the same home must be treated and all eggs (nits) must be removed from the student's hair before returning to school.
10. **Scabies:** The home, student and all individuals living in the same home must be treated as directed by a physician.
11. Yellowish skin or eyes, unusually dark urine and/or gray or white stool.
12. Stiff neck with fever.
13. Unusual seizure or prolonged seizure activity within the last 4 hours.
14. **MRSA:** Student should have barrier in place over sore at all times. This means that the wound must be covered! A note from the doctor stating the child can be in school is required. Home and school areas should be disinfected often. Frequent hand washing is required and gloves are necessary for direct contact.

Based on an evaluation by the school nurse or school principal, the parent/guardian will be called to pick up a student who shows any of these signs or symptoms of a communicable illness. The parent/guardian is required to have someone available at all times who can come and remove the child from school if the need arises.

In the event a communicable illness is diagnosed or suspected in the home, the parents are requested to contact the school nurse or staff. Assistance can be provided to help prevent the spread of the disease throughout the school.

Parents/guardians are expected to notify the school staff if their child is ill and cannot attend school.

