

ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES ILLNESS

A student should not come to school if any of these symptoms are present in the previous 24 hours:

- Elevated temperature of 100.0 degrees or greater. The child shall remain fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications before returning to school.
- Quick onset of cold, sore throat, or persistent cough. Persistent cough interrupts the child's ability to concentrate and is disruptive to the classroom learning environment.
- Vomiting, nausea, or severe abdominal pain.
- Repeated diarrhea the day or night before school.
- Pus-like discharge from the nose or eyes -contagious conditions.
- Red or inflamed eyes or discharge from the eyes (conjunctivitis).
- Suspected scabies, impetigo, acute skin rashes or skin lesion or draining wound not contained with use of a band aid.
- Lethargic behavior.

EXCLUDABLE CONDITIONS

Students are required by law to be excluded from school for certain communicable diseases. Common conditions for which students will be excluded from school attendance include but are not limited to:

- Influenza
- Conjunctivitis
- Fifth Disease
- COVID-19*
- Bacterial Meningitis
- Hepatitis A,
- Impetigo
- Ringworm of the scalp (tinea capitis)

***For a complete list of excludable conditions, please see Texas Administrative Code [Rule §97.7 - Diseases Requiring Exclusion from Schools](#).

Any student excluded from school attendance for reason of communicable disease may be readmitted by one or more of the following methods, as determined by the local health authority:

- Certificate of the attending physician, advanced practice nurse, or physician assistant a testing that the child does not currently have signs or symptoms of a communicable disease or to the disease's non-infectiousness in a school setting.
- Submitting a permit for readmission issued by a local health authority; or
- Meeting readmission criteria as established by the commissioner of health.



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In the event that your child becomes ill while at school, we respectfully ask that you or your designee pick your child up **as soon as possible** or within **one hour** of being notified.

***ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES FOR COVID-19**

If your child tests positive for COVID-19, please notify your school nurse as soon as possible. Your child may return to school when **all three** of the following criteria are met:

1. At least one day (24 hours) has passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications).
2. The individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath).
3. At least five days have passed since symptoms first appeared, or in the case of an asymptomatic individual, five days since positive test.