









When Should I Keep My Student Home?

NOTE: These are school instructions, not medical advice. Please contact your doctor with health concerns.

*The list below tells the shortest time to stay home. Your student may need to stay home longer for some illnesses.

Student's Symptoms or Illness	Student May Return to School When*
 Fever: temperature by mouth greater than 100.4 degrees	No fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicine.
 Skin rash or open sores	Rash is gone; sores are dry or can be completely covered by a bandage; or with orders from doctor to school nurse.
 New cough illness	In general, when symptom-free for 24 hours. If pertussis (whooping cough) is diagnosed, after taking 5-day course of prescribed antibiotics, or when cleared for return by local public health authority. If COVID-19 is diagnosed, with orders from local public health authority.
 Diarrhea: 3 loose or watery stools in one day OR newly not able to control bowel movements	Symptom-free for 48 hours.
 Vomiting	Symptom-free for 48 hours.
 Headache with stiff neck and fever; OR with recent head injury	Fever-free for 24 hours; symptom-free; or with orders from doctor to school nurse.
 Jaundice: (new) yellow color in eyes or skin	After orders from doctor or local public health authority to school nurse.
 Red eyes or eye discharge: yellow or brown drainage from eyes	Redness and discharge is gone OR with orders from doctor to school nurse.
Acting different without a reason: unusually sleepy or grumpy OR acting differently after a head injury	After return to normal behavior OR with orders from doctor to school nurse.
Major health event, like surgery OR an illness lasting 2 or more weeks	After orders from doctor to school nurse.
Student's health condition requires more care than school staff can safely provide	After measures are in place for student's safety.