

Should You Keep Your Child Home from School?

Chicken Pox: *Should you keep your child home from school?*

Yes. Children with uncomplicated chicken pox may return on the sixth day after the onset of the rash or when the spots are all dried and crusted, whichever is longer.

Conjunctivitis (pink eye): *Should you keep your child home from school?*

Yes. Students may return 24 hours after treatment is started.

Cough: *Should you keep your child home from school?*

Yes. Keep your child home if the cough is persistent, productive and with thick or constant nasal drainage.

Diarrhea: *Should you keep your child home from school?*

Yes. Keep your child at home, if they have had 3 or more episodes of diarrhea. Your child is to stay home for 24 hours after the last episode of diarrhea without the use of any medicine.

Fever: *Should you keep your child home from school?*

Yes. Keep your child at home if their temperature is 100 degrees or more. Keep your child at home until fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine.

Head Lice: *Should you keep your child home from school?*

Yes. Students found with **live** lice will be excluded from school. Students found with nits (lice eggs) only, may remain in class. Students sent home with live lice may return to school after treatment has been initiated **and** accompanied by a parent or have a signed statement that treatment has been initiated. Prior to returning to the classroom, a head check will be completed by designated school personnel to confirm no live lice are present. Students returning after exclusion with the presence of nits only will be readmitted; but will be subject to periodic checks to confirm continuing absence of live lice.

Impetigo: *Should you keep your child home from school?*

Yes. Your child may return to school 48 hours after treatment starts or with a doctors release. Sores should be covered when the student returns to school.

Strep Throat: *Should you keep your child home from school?*

Yes. Your child may return to school 24 hours after treatment has started and when fever is no longer present.

Vomiting: *Should you keep your child home from school?*

Yes. Keep your child at home for 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting without the use of any medicine.

For the protection of the other students and employees, your child will be sent home if any of these symptoms, conditions, illnesses are found or suspected during the school day.

Cold (with mild symptoms: stuffy nose with clear drainage, sneezing, mild cough):

Should you keep your child home from school?

No. Your child may attend school if he/she is able to participate in school activities.

Fifth Disease: *Should you keep your child home from school?*

No. Children are no longer contagious after the rash appears and do not need to stay home.

Ringworm: *Should you keep your child home from school?*

No. Areas must be covered when the student returns to school.

Poison Oak: *Should you keep your child home from school?*

No. Poison oak is not contagious and your child may come to school. Open areas should be covered when your child returns to school.