



Guidelines for Sending Ill Students Home from School

The School Nurse will perform health assessments. If staying in the classroom is counterproductive to the student's education, or the safety and wellness of others, a decision may be made to send the student home. Additional guidelines for students that have an Individualized Health Plan (IHP) will be addressed in their plan.

PLEASE notify the school nurse of any illness or medical condition for which your child is being treated or monitored. A parent, guardian, or designated contact may be notified immediately to pick up a student from school who presents with any of the following conditions:

- **Asthma:** Symptoms that do not respond to prescribed medication or if no prescribed medication is available for treatment of asthma symptoms.
- **Diabetes:** A blood glucose of greater than 400, moderate to large ketones, or inadequate supplies to treat diabetes at school; or if there have been two or more unsuccessful attempts to correct a low blood glucose of less than 80.
- **Diarrhea:** Two or more loose watery stools during the school day.
- **Head lice:** The student will be sent home if live lice are identified. They may return as soon as possible after treatment. Students may be at school with nits but will be monitored by the school nurse.
- **Localized rash:** A rash of undetermined origin as a sign of potential illness.
- **Oral temperature greater than 100 degrees:** All students must be fever free for 24 hours without the aid of fever reducing medication. Student would be marked "excused" for the day they leave school and the following day.
- **Pink eye or purulent conjunctivitis:** Defined as pink or red conjunctiva with white or yellow eye discharge. The student does not need to be sent home unless a fever is present, the student is unable to avoid touching their eyes, or there is drainage from the eyes. Antibiotics are not required for return.
- **Signs or symptoms of acute illness, serious accident, injury or communicable disease:** The school nurse should be notified of any of these signs or symptoms and assess the situation for determination.
- **Uncontrolled coughing:** Student may be sent home if coughing becomes disruptive to the educational environment.
- **Vomiting:** Student will be sent home if the episode is not related to a single event such as gagging, positioning, mucus, running after eating, or eating spicy foods. If the event is unwitnessed, the nurse may use their discretion based upon student health assessment.

Decisions to send a child home are based upon the recommendations of the Wisconsin Health Department Childhood Communicable Disease exclusion criteria and data provided by the Department of Public Instruction.

******In the event of a student medical emergency, school personnel may call 911, and the student may be transported to a medical facility via ambulance.******