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## When to Keep Your Child Home from School

Parents and students often have questions about when it is appropriate for students to stay home from school because of illness. The following guidelines will help your decision.

Your child should stay home if:

- They have had a **temperature** of 100 degrees or higher in the past 24 hours. Students need to be out of school for at least 24 hours after they are fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medications.
- They have an uncontrolled **cough**.
- They have a diagnosis of **strep throat**; the student may return to school 24 hours after starting on an antibiotic.
- They have **Pink Eye** with thick white or yellow drainage and eye pain. An exam by a Medical Doctor is recommended.
- They have an undiagnosed rash.
- They have **vomited** or had **diarrhea** within the past 24 hours.
- They **feel too ill** to remain in class and benefit from attending school.
- They have **head lice**. Students with active head lice will be sent home from school. They should remain out of school for 12 hours after treatment and until there are no active lice.
- They are having **pain** that requires a narcotic/controlled medication for relief. Please discuss the management of chronic pain with the Health Office Nurse in your school.

**A physician's order and written parent/guardian permission is needed in order to be able to administer any medication while at school.**