



TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL? WHEN SHOULD A CHILD STAY HOME FROM SCHOOL?

FEVER: IF A CHILD HAS A TEMPERATURE OF 100.4 OR HIGHER, YOUR CHILD IS TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL. KEEP THEM HOME UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN FEVER FREE FOR 24 HOURS WITHOUT THE USE OF ANTI-FEVER MEDICATIONS.

DIARRHEA OR VOMITING: IF A CHILD HAS 3 OR MORE LOOSE BOWEL MOVEMENTS, EVEN IF THERE ARE NO OTHER SIGNS OF ILLNESS, YOUR CHILD IS TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL. ANY VOMITING IS A REASON TO SEND A CHILD HOME OR KEEP A CHILD HOME. **KEEP THEM HOME UNTIL VOMIT AND DIARRHEA FREE FOR 24 HOURS.**

RASH: THERE ARE DIFFERENT RULES FOR RETURNING TO SCHOOL DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF RASH. CHILDREN WITH CONTAGIOUS RASHES, SUCH AS CHICKEN POX AND MEASLES, NEED TO BE KEPT HOME. IF YOUR CHILD HAS A RASH AND A FEVER, KEEP THEM HOME AND TALK TO YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER.

COUGH OR SORE THROAT: CHILDREN WITH A COUGH OR SORE THROAT SHOULD BE WATCHED CLOSELY. IF THE COUGH OR SORE THROAT BECOMES WORSE OR IF THE CHILD DEVELOPS A FEVER, THE CHILD IS TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL. USE YOUR BEST JUDGMENT IF YOUR STUDENT IS COUGHING. COUGHING IS NOT ONLY A WAY TO SPREAD GERMS TO OTHERS; IT CAN BE HARD FOR STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE WHEN THEY ARE CONSTANTLY COUGHING. IF A CHILD IS DIAGNOSED WITH STREP THROAT, KEEP THEM HOME 24 HOURS AFTER THE FIRST DOSE OF ANTIBIOTICS.

IF YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH A COMMUNICABLE DISEASE SUCH AS COVID 19, FLU, MEASLES, LICE ETC., PLEASE NOTIFY THE SCHOOL AS IT MUST BE REPORTED IN THE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORT.