

CENTER ISD HEALTH GUIDELINES

Bringing a child to school with the below symptoms puts other children and school staff members at risk of becoming ill. This information is offered so that we may improve the general health of all members of our school community.

Remember that these are guidelines only – however - Children who arrive at school or develop while at school, a temperature of 100.0 degrees or higher will be sent home. Children who develop an illness while at school, defined by Dept. of State Health Services as an excludable illness will be sent home.

Link to: <https://DSHS Communicable Disease Chart for Schools and Childcare Centers>

Diagnosed Contagious Illness: Students may return to class 24 hours after starting an antibiotic or as otherwise directed by their physician.

Diarrhea: A child who experiences two or more watery stools in a 24-hour period, especially if combined with poor appearance or nausea should remain home.

Ear Infections without Fever: A child does NOT need to be excluded from school but should be evaluated by your healthcare provider.

Eyes: If your child exhibits any mucus or pus draining from the eye, this may be a sign of conjunctivitis (pink eye), a contagious illness. Please keep your child at home and see your healthcare provider. He/She may return to school after they have been on antibiotics for 24 hours and are approved by a HCW (healthcare worker) to do so.

Fever: Oral temperature equal to or higher than 100.0 degrees (before taking medication such as Tylenol or Advil). Please keep your child at home until they are fever free for 24 hours WITHOUT medicine.

Lice/Scabies: A child infected may not return to school until they have been treated and are free of lice. Examination by the nurse is required before re-entering school. Children with scabies may be re-admitted after treatment.

Nasal Discharge and/or Chronic Cough: A child exhibiting these symptoms should be seen by your healthcare provider. These conditions may be contagious and require treatment.

Rash: If your child exhibits a body rash, especially with fever or itching, he/she should remain at home and be assessed by your healthcare provider. Heat rashes and allergic reactions are not contagious, these children may attend school.

Sore Throat: A child with a sore throat, fever and/or swollen glands should remain home. Contact your healthcare provider.

Symptoms of a Contagious Illness: Students exhibiting symptoms of a contagious illness should be evaluated by a physician. They may return to school as directed by the physician.

Vomiting: A child who has vomited two or more times in a 24 hour period should remain at home.