

CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS HEALTH SERVICES

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HEALTH GUIDELINES

Because of the physical limitations and ages of some of our children, increased susceptibility to infection is a real concern. We work in such close contact and share common work and play equipment, thus spread of infection or illness from one individual to another is common. Although we do make a sincere effort to regularly disinfect commonly used objects, the best protection from illness is to keep your child home when symptoms of illness are present. Here are some guidelines to follow:

Keep your child home if he/she:

- has evidence of a newly developed cold (runny, stuffy nose, coughing, sneezing). The greatest period of contagion is the first 2-3 days after onset of symptoms
- has an elevated temperature
- has a suspicious rash
- has a sore or discharging eyes or ears
- has had an upset stomach or vomiting within the past 24 hours
- has diarrhea
- has a contagious disease (i.e. strep throat, tonsillitis, bronchitis, conjunctivitis, etc..)
- and has been on medication **at least** 24 - 48 hours from the **first** dose.

If your child should develop any of these symptoms during school hours, the school nurse will notify you and the child will be dismissed.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE GUIDELINES

If your child has a communicable disease, please notify your child's teacher and school nurse. Before returning to school, your child will need to be checked by the school nurse **or** have a certificate from your doctor (contact the school nurse to see which is applicable).

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Recommended Minimum Absence From School</u>
Chicken Pox	7 days from appearance of first eruption, lesions crusted and fever free.
Streptococcal Infections (i.e., strep. throat, scarlet fever)	24 - 48 hours after first dose of medicine
Pneumonia	Doctor's certificate for re-entry
Impetigo	24 hours after medical treatment has begun - lesions must be covered in school.
Ringworm	Note from doctor that treatment has begun and child may return to school.
Scabies	Note from doctor that child had been treated and may return to school.
Conjunctivitis	24 hours after medication has begun, no drainage.
Pinworm	24 - 48 hours after treatment has begun.
Head Lice	Child has been treated with pediculicide and nit free, must be checked by school nurse to re-enter.