

Cache County School District Illness Protocol

Contagious infections and diseases result in much absenteeism for students and all school staff members. While school education staff pays particular attention to preventing and controlling the spread of infection in classrooms, children who come to school sick or become ill while at school are unable to perform or participate in learning. They also pose a significant health risk for classmates and school staff. To help stop the spread of disease and infection to others encourage your children to wash their hands frequently, especially if they have a cold or are sick. The following guidelines are used to determine when a student may be excluded from school:

KEEPING CHILDREN HOME FROM SCHOOL

If during the previous 24 hours, your child has exhibited one or more of the following, please keep them home from school:

- Diarrhea; defined as an increased number of stools compared to the child's normal pattern and the inability to control or contain fecal matter.
- Nausea or vomiting.
- Severe abdominal pain.
- Fever in the last 24 hours. Must be fever free without the aid of a fever reducing medication. Defined as; oral temperature equal to or greater than 100 degrees F.
- A severe or croupy cough related to illness that has not been treated.
- Untreated green discharge from nose or throat.
- Contagious diseases; such as, but not limited to: flu, strep, pneumonia, etc., for which the contagion period has not passed or for which medical treatment has been in effect for less than 24 hours.
- Infected eyes; defined as white part of the eye (sclera) is red with/without discharge, until 24 hours after treatment has been started.
- Untreated earache with/without discharge from ear.
- Rash with fever or behavioral changes.
- Chicken pox, until all lesions have dried or crusted.
- Other untreated communicable diseases, such as lice, ringworm, impetigo, scabies, weeping skin lesions or open sores.

The above list is not all inclusive. There may be other symptoms or health situations that may require your student to be excluded from school. **Please DO NOT send your student to school when ill. When a child is sick their ability to learn is negatively impacted. It may also have a negative affect on other student's abilities to learn in the classroom.**

SENDING CHILDREN HOME FROM SCHOOL

Cache County School District reserves the right to exclude students as necessary due to health concerns. If your child becomes ill at school or he/she arrives at school sick, you or your emergency designee will be contacted to come and get your child **immediately**. It is imperative the school has emergency contact numbers for you and your designee.