

When To Keep Your Child Home

Keep your child at home if s/he:

- Has a fever of 101° within the last 24 hours without the aid of fever reducers such as Motrin or Tylenol.
- Is unable to play outside.
- Has a heavy nasal discharge.
- Has a constant cough.
- Is overly fussy, cranky, and generally out-of-sorts.
- Has diarrhea or an increased number of bowel movements from your child's normal pattern.
- Is unusually drowsy or tired (rest may prevent a serious illness from developing).
- Has a symptom of a possible communicable disease - sniffles, reddened eyes, sore throat, headache and abdominal pain, diarrhea and/or fever.

Please notify the school at once if your child has a communicable disease. All parents will be notified, in writing, of any contagious diseases as well as information concerning these diseases as they appear. Information will come from the Salt Lake County Health Department and/or other quality sources. The names of infected children will remain confidential.

Your Child may attend if s/he:

- Is over a cold but a minor nasal drip remains.
- Has been on antibiotics for at least 24 hours and fever is gone without aid of fever reducers.
- Has been exposed to a communicable disease, but the school has been notified so that the incubation period can be discussed.

Excessive Crying

You will be contacted if your child is crying excessively and cannot be calmed. A decision will be made whether or not you should pick up your child. If the crying continues from day to day, a meeting will be arranged to discuss ideas and alternatives.

Infectious Disease Exclusion

Children will be excluded from school if they show symptoms of:

- **Chicken Pox** – Children must stay home 7-10 days or until **all** pox have scabbed over.
- **Pink Eye** – Children can return after they have been on antibiotics for at least 24 hours.
- **Strep**– Children must be on antibiotics for at least 24 hours before returning.
- **Severe Diarrhea** – Children can return when symptoms have not appeared for 12 hours.
- **Head Lice** – Children may not return until treated with proper medication and child is free of NITS (eggs laid by lice). **A child may return to school only after the treatment and removal of all nits.** Outbreaks of Head Lice are spread by direct contact with infected personal belongings, especially headgear, clothing, brushes and combs. Please be aware that lice can survive for several days at room temperature in the crevices of overstuffed furniture and carpets. Persons will be re-infested with Head Lice if the nits and lice have not been destroyed in the home.