

## When to Keep Your Child Home From School

### Fever

A child with a temperature of **100.4 F or higher**. **The child should not return until 24 hours with no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medications** such as Motrin or Tylenol

### Diarrhea

A child has two loose or watery stools. **The child should have no loose stools for 24 hours prior to returning to school.** *Exception: A healthcare provider has determined it to be not caused by illness (diarrhea may be caused by antibiotics or new foods a child has eaten).*

### Vomiting

A child that has vomited two or more times. **The child should have no vomiting episodes for 24 hours prior to returning.** *Exception: A healthcare provider has determined it is not infectious.*

### Abdominal Pain

A child with abdominal pain that continues for more than two hours, or intermittent pain associated with fever or other symptoms.

### Head Lice

The child should stay home until **1 treatment is completed and all live lice are gone.**

### Rash and Skin Sores

The child with a rash AND has a fever or a change in behavior. **Exclude until the rash subsides or until a healthcare provider has determined it is not infectious.** *Note: Rapidly spreading bruising or small blood spots under the skin need immediate medical attention.* **A child with weeping sores on an exposed area that cannot be covered with waterproof dressing should stay home until sores have scabbed over.**

### Strep Throat

The child should stay home until **24 hours after the first dose of antibiotics** has been started.

### Bacterial Pink Eye

The child should stay home until **24 hours after the first dose of antibiotics/ eye drops** has been started.

### Communicable Diseases

A child diagnosed with certain health conditions may have to be excluded for a certain period of time. Follow symptom recommendations above and contact the school nurse with any questions.

\*These are general recommendations based on Michigan Public Health guidelines. Please consult with the Byron Center Public School district nurses for further guidance.

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