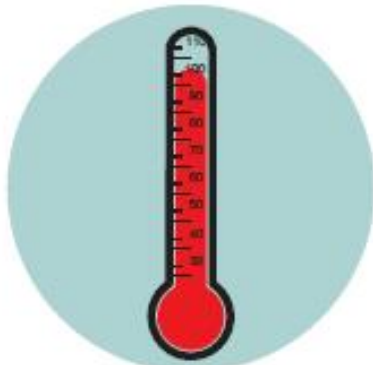


# Too Sick for School?



Below are some guidelines to help you make the decision about when to keep your student home from school. These guidelines are provided by the Communicable Disease Program of the Department of Health and Human Services. They were developed to help prevent the spread of potentially contagious disease.



## FEVER

With fever greater than 100.4° F; student may return when fever-free for **24 hours** (WITH- OUT use of fever-reducing medicine).



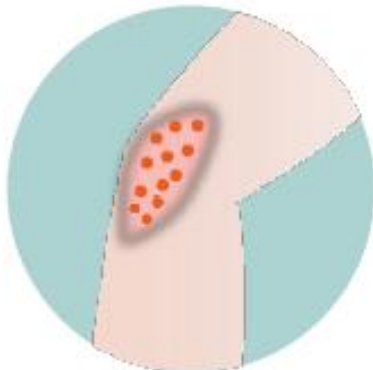
## VOMITING/DIARRHEA

For any unexplained vomiting episode, the student may return **24 hours** after last episode. For diarrhea, three or more unexplained episodes of watery or loose stools in 24 hours **OR** sudden onset of loose stools, the student may return **24 hours** after last episode.



## COUGH

Serious, sustained coughing, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing



## RASH

Any new rash accompanied by a fever-student may return after rash goes away or clearance given by a health care provider.



## SKIN LESIONS/SORES

Drainage from a sore that cannot be contained within a bandage **OR** sores that are increasing in size **OR** new sores developing day-to-day.



## OTHER

Symptoms that prevent the student from active participation in usual school activities **OR** student is requiring more care than school can safely provide.

Home is the best place for a student who is ill. Please contact your school as soon as possible to plan for your student's absence and ensure your student stays on track.

If your student is sick with a diagnosed communicable disease please notify the school as soon as possible. This notification will assist others who, due to medical reason and/or treatments, have weakened immune systems and may require immediate and specialized care.