

St. Anthony School

ILLNESS POLICY

In order to protect the health of the students and staff and in compliance with Education Law Section 901 et. seq., students with contagious diseases must be excluded from school and picked up by parents immediately.

As a guideline, the School District has developed criteria for the following conditions:

FEVER: A child with a temperature of 100 degrees F or higher may not return to school until he or she has been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine.

VOMITING, DIARRHEA OR SEVERE NAUSEA: The student must remain at home until a normal diet is tolerated and there has been no vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours.

STREP: Students with a strep infection must have been taking their prescribed medicine for 24 hours before returning to school. Students who have had a strep culture should remain at home until they have received the results of the overnight test.

RASHES: Any student with a rash of unknown origin should be seen by a physician and present a note from the doctor on return to school.

CHICKEN POX: Students with chicken pox may return to school when all scabs are completely dried and no new lesions are developing.

OTHER INFECTIONS: Conditions such as impetigo, ringworm and conjunctivitis with drainage require a doctor's examination and prescription for medicine. Once a child has been on medication for 24 hours and feels well, he/she may return to school.

HEAD LICE: Students must have been treated with an appropriate shampoo and be nit-free before returning to school.

The foregoing approximates the periods of contagiousness for each of the conditions. They will be adhered to in the absence of a physician's note which states unequivocally that the student is not contagious.