



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.

Pink Eye

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

Communicable Diseases

Children and staff diagnosed with certain health conditions, including COVID-19, may have to be excluded for a certain period of time. See the chart below for specific exclusion periods.

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

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