

Sick Children: When to Stay Home & When to Return to School

If you have any questions about your child's health or if your child becomes ill, please contact your child's Doctor.

CHILDREN WITH THESE ILLNESSES NEED TO STAY HOME	RETURN TO SCHOOL WHEN
Fever - Measure temperature BEFORE giving medicine to reduce fever. Armpit temperature of 100 degrees F or higher, or mouth temperature of 101 degrees F, or rectal temperature of 102 degrees F.	Temperature must be normal for 24 hours before returning to school.
Rash with Fever or Behavior change	Doctor says child does not have a contagious illness that requires staying home from school.
Respiratory Infection (viral) with Fever	Fever is gone and child is well enough to do normal activities.
Vomiting - Two or more times in the past 24 hours.	No vomiting for 24 hours before returning to school.

DISEASE	INCUBATION	SYMPTOMS	TREATMENT	RETURN TO SCHOOL
Diarrhea (Acute or Persistent)	1 Day-4 Weeks	Increased number of loose, watery stools.	Call your Doctor.	After diarrhea has stopped.
Head Lice	6-10 days from laying of eggs to hatching of nymphs	Small white or grayish particles glued to hair shaft or crawling lice in the hair. Itching of head or neck.	Call your Doctor or pharmacist about lice treatment products. Thoroughly clean home, clothing and toys. Treat child with lice-killing product. Check other family members.	Bring child to center. Staff will check for lice/nits.
Impetigo	1-10 Days	Sores on the skin with a thick, yellow, sticky crust.	Call your Doctor.	After child is treated with antibiotics for at least 24 hours and sores are dry.
Influenza-like Illness	1-4 Days	Fever (100 degrees F or higher) <u>AND</u> cough or sore throat.	Call your Doctor. Do not give aspirin.	24 hours after fever is gone without using fever reducing medicine.
Pink Eye	1-12 Days	Red, watery, burning, itching eyes. Thick drainage and/or fever, eye pain.	Call your Doctor.	24 hours after treatment has started.
Ringworm (Body)	4-10 Days	Flat, spreading, ring-shaped area. Center may be clear with red, raised, scaly or moist edges.	Call your Doctor.	Once treatment has been started and lesion can be completely covered.
Ringworm (Scalp)	10-14 Days	Round dry patches, bald spots and pimples on scalp. Hair becomes brittle and breaks.	Call your Doctor.	Once treatment has been started.
Scabies	2-6 Weeks	Rash, intense itching in the folds of skin, between fingers, at wrists, elbows and other areas.	Call your Doctor.	24 hours after treatment has started.
Scarlet Fever or Strep Throat	2-5 Days	Swollen glands, sore throat, fine red rash, headache, sudden start of fever.	Call your Doctor. Do not give aspirin.	24 hours after treatment has started and no fever for 24 hours.