

When is my child **TOO SICK** for school and needs to **STAY HOME**?

Fever- Yes

Children should stay home if their temperature is 100 degrees or more. Keep your child home until fever free for 24 hours. Please do not give your child medication to treat a fever and then send them to school.

Rash – Yes

Do not send your child to school with a rash until your health care provider has said it is safe to do so. Children with ringworm, scabies or impetigo can return to school after 24 hours of treatment. The affected area should be covered if possible.



Ringworm



Impetigo



Scabies

Vomiting/Diarrhea – Yes

Your child should stay home until the illness is over and 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting and/or diarrhea without medicine.

Minor Sore Throat – No

Severe Sore Throat – Yes

A severe sore throat could be a symptom of a more serious illness. Keep your child home from school and contact your health care provider. If your child is diagnosed with Strep throat, they may return to school 24 hours after antibiotic treatment is started.



Eye Redness/Inflammation – Yes

If your child's eye is red with cloudy/yellow/green drainage or your child has matted eyelids after sleep or has eye pain, you should keep your child home and contact your health care provider. If your child is diagnosed with pink eye, they may return to school 24 hours after starting treatment.



Pain – Yes

If the pain is severe enough that your child cannot take part in their normal activities or needs medication stronger than acetaminophen or ibuprofen, they should stay home.



Headache – No

A child whose only symptom is a headache does not usually need to be kept home.

Earache – Contact your health care provider

Toothache – Contact your dentist