

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS WITH SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS: *Parent Information*

In order to protect the health of all students and staff at school and prevent the spread of illness, the following information is provided to help parents determine when to keep a student with symptoms home from school. If your student has symptoms at school, school personnel will evaluate the student to determine if he/she should remain in school. (*California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Public Health, 2526*)

*Please see separate guidelines for exclusions from school related to head lice.

SYMPTOM	Keep your child home if:	May return to school when:
Fever	Student currently has a fever (a temperature ≥ 101 degrees F) or has had a fever in the last 24 hours	He/she has been fever-free for 24 hours without taking fever-reducing medication such as Tylenol or Advil
Runny nose	Excessive drainage or thick, dark mucous	Symptoms resolved or released by physician
Cough	Persistent cough, coughing up phlegm, cough sounds like a bark or is accompanied by a sore throat or wheezing	Symptoms resolved or released by physician (<i>unless associated with a known health condition, i.e. asthma</i>)
Sore throat	Sore throat with tender swollen glands or fever	Symptoms resolved or released by physician. If strep throat, 24 hours after antibiotic has been started.
Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea	Two or more episodes of vomiting or diarrhea, or has had one in the past 24 hours and feels tired or ill	Symptom free for 24 hours
Rash	If the rash blisters, develops pus, or is uncomfortable, accompanied by fever, behavioral change, or suspicious for communicable disease (chicken pox, measles)	When released by physician
Eyes with redness, itching, pain, swelling or discharge	Pink or red conjunctiva (whites of the eyes) with white or yellow eye mucous drainage (LAUSD)	Symptoms resolved or released by physician. After treatment has begun if diagnosis is bacterial conjunctivitis