# Should You Keep Your Child Home From School?

## **Chicken Pox**

**Yes.** Children with uncomplicated chicken pox may return on the sixth day after the onset of the rash or when the spots are all dried and crusted, whichever is longer.

# Cold, with mild symptoms such as stuffy nose with clear drainage, sneezing, mild cough

No. Your child may attend school if he or she is able to participate in school activities.

# Conjunctivitis (pink eye)

Yes. Students may return 24 hours after treatment is started.

## **Severe Cough**

**Yes.** Keep your child home if cough is persistent and productive coupled with thick or constant nasal drainage. If cough associated with fever or trouble breathing, keep child home and arrange for appt. with pediatrician.

## Diarrhea

**Yes.** Students should be kept home for 24 hours after the last episode of diarrhea without the use of medicine.

#### **Fever**

**Yes.** Students should stay home if their temperature is 100 degrees or more. Keep students home until fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-controlling medicine.

#### **Head Lice**

**Yes.** Students may return after their hair has been treated. This school has a nit free policy. Students will need to be checked for nits before being released to class.

## Influenza-type Illnesses

**Yes.** Students with influenza-like illness(fever with a cough or sore throat) should stay home and not attend school for at least 24 hours after fever is gone without the use of fever reducing medication. Students should stay home even if they are using antiviral drugs.

## Mumps

**Yes.** Students with mumps should stay home from school for a total of five days after the symptoms begin.

## Vomiting

**Yes.** Students should be kept home for 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting without the use of any medicine.

## **Strep Throat**

Yes. Students may return to school 24 hours after treatment has started and when fever is no longer present.

## **Sore Throat**

**Yes.** If sore throat is associated with fever, vomiting, abdominal pain, or difficulty swallowing, student should be evaluated by a doctor before returning to school.