

Communicable Disease/Illness Guidelines

Missouri Law requires that children with contagious diseases be excluded from school until medical clearance is received. If you suspect or know that your child has a contagious disease, please notify your child's school health office. Be sure to inform them about the type of symptoms or illness your child is experiencing.

A student should not attend school and the parent/guardian will be notified to pick their child up from school and to possibly be evaluated by their health care provider for any of the following:

- **Fever** (an oral temperature of 100.0 degrees F or greater)
Students may return to school when they have been fever free for 24 hours without medication to reduce fever.
- **Vomiting**
Until the child has been free of vomiting for at least 24 hours or until a medical exam indicates that it is not due to a communicable disease in which a note is then required for sooner return.
- **Diarrhea**
Until the child has been free of diarrhea for at least 24 hours or until a medical exam indicates that it is not due to a communicable disease in which a note is then required for sooner return.
- **Generalized Skin Rash** (All over the body)
or a rash that has not been identified by a health care provider.
- **Red/Inflamed Eyes** with drainage, matting, or crusting noted.
- **Other symptoms related to communicable disease** such as persistent cough, earache, sore throat, swollen glands.
- **Parasites** active head lice (untreated) or scabies (until after 24 hours from when treatment began)

NOTE: if a student reports vomiting/diarrhea at school and it was NOT seen by a staff member, the student will have a health assessment by the school nurse. If the health assessment appears clear, then the student will remain at school.