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## ILLNESS PROTOCOL

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Employees and students who are ill at school pose a significant risk for spreading illness to others in the school setting. Contagious illness results in a lot of absenteeism for students and staff members. School employees actively participate in preventing and controlling the spread of illness in our schools through educating students regarding good hand hygiene and having scheduled handwashing times. Please teach children by encouraging them to wash and/or sanitize their hands frequently.

When a child is sick, their ability to learn is negatively impacted and they are unable to perform or participate in effective learning. It may also seriously affect other student's abilities to learn in the classroom.

**Employees and students may not come to school when they are sick and may NOT return to school until 24 hours after symptoms have subsided.** To keep our schools open, it is expected that you keep your students home from school with the following illnesses:

- **Any student, which due to illness, is unable to participate in educational learning.**
- Chicken pox, until all lesions have dried or crusted
- Cough
- Diarrhea: defined as an increased number of stools compared to the child's normal pattern and the inability to control or contain fecal matter
- Headache with any other symptom, or if student is unable to participate in school
- Nausea or vomiting
- Other untreated\* communicable diseases, such as lice, ringworm, impetigo, scabies, weeping skin lesions or open sores
- Rash with fever, discharge, behavioral changes or accompanied by other symptoms.
- Stomachache
- \*Untreated consistent runny and or green discharge from nose or throat. Unless documentation has been provided to the school from health care provider that student has allergies.
- \*Untreated earache with/without discharge from ear
- Contagious illness, such as, (but not limited to) flu, strep, pneumonia, etc., for which the contagion period has not passed or for which **\*medical treatment has been in effect for less than 24 hours**
- Fever: **must be fever free for 24 hours without the aid of a fever reducing medication.** Defined as; temperature equal to or greater than 100.4° F
- Infected eyes: defined as white part of the eye (sclera) is red with/without discharge, **until 24 hours after \*medical treatment has been started**

This is not an all-inclusive list. There may be other illnesses that may require students to be excluded from school.

**Cache County School District reserves the right to exclude students as necessary due to health concerns. If your child becomes ill at school or he/she arrives at school sick, you (or your emergency designee if you are unavailable), will be contacted to come and get your child immediately. It is imperative the school has updated emergency phone numbers for you and your emergency contacts.**

\*Medical Treatment refers to being evaluated and treated by a health care professional.