

# School Health Services Policies:

## ◆ Dismissal/Exclusion Guidelines:

**Please review our district health policies as to when to keep your child home from school.**

In an effort to minimize the spread of contagious illness, the Haverhill School Health Services has developed the following guidelines for determining whether your child needs to be sent home or stay home from school. Students should not miss school unnecessarily, but other students and staff must also be protected from contagious illness whenever possible.

If your child is sick with:

- Fever 100.5°F or higher
- Vomiting and/or Diarrhea — with 2 or more episodes within the previous 24 hours or during the school day

Students must stay home until symptoms have been resolved for 24 hours. If your child was dismissed from school with these symptoms, he or she cannot return the next day (fewer than 24 hours after symptoms occurred). Remember that your child needs to be fever free **without** the use of medication that reduces fever, such as Ibuprofen or Tylenol, for 24 hours prior to returning to school.

If your child has:

- Rash of unknown origin, particularly those accompanied by fever or behavior changes
- Strep throat or suspected strep throat
- A contagious disease such as conjunctivitis (pink eye) or impetigo

He or she must be seen by a doctor and cleared with permission to return to school. Please provide the school health office with this documentation. If your child was prescribed antibiotics for a contagious condition, he or she has to take the medication for a minimum of 24 hours before returning to school.

If your child has:

- Live head lice – must be treated at home and then re-checked by school nurse, preferably with nurse present, prior to returning to classes. See treatment guidelines: **Head-Lice-Brochure, Head-Lice-Brochure-Spanish.**
- Irritability, lethargy, persistent crying, difficulty breathing, or other signs of severe illness

Any further questions, concerns, or other accommodations with regards to when your child is ready to return to school, please speak to your school health nurse.



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