

Come Together

Teaching & Learning at The Primary Day School in 2021-22

Since COVID-19 is a continuing fact of life, The Primary Day School (PDS) will continue to be resolute in our commitment to providing the *finest education for the most important years* in the healthiest and safest environment possible.

While the pandemic landscape looks significantly different than it did a year ago, the need for ongoing vigilance, agility, and cooperation continues so that we ensure the safety and health of our community. To that end, we would like to share our current plans to ***Come Together*** for learning at Primary Day School (PDS) for 2021-22. What follows encapsulates our latest thinking, but it will be subject to change at any time. We plan to post needed updates on our website.

Our administrative team, along with our professional advisory team and Lois Hendrickson, RN, our school nurse, have continued to develop a path forward that allows for flexibility, attention to relationships, and the prioritized health and safety of our community.

Fully cognizant of the fact that this pandemic will continue to be unpredictable and that national, state, local and association guidelines continue to evolve, we again purposefully postponed the publication of this plan until late August 2021 so as to minimize the need for revision. With that said, our plan to ***Come Together*** is an organic document and will be modified as needed to incorporate new protocols and/or science-based guidelines.

Although there are still too many unknowns to fully predict what the school experience in all its permutations will look like in 2021-22, PDS' successes during the 2020-21 school year stand at the base of our approach. Be assured that our response will continue to be informed, grounded in best practices and the latest science, and communicated to the community swiftly and accurately.

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OUR PROGRAM: Coming Together to Learn

Children at all grade levels will be assigned a classroom group that will serve as their cohort. This cohort will learn and play together throughout the day. With the exception of enjoying their friends “from afar” at recess, students will not be mixed among or between groups. We may adjust the activities of each cohort as conditions demand, just as it may be possible to mix cohorts as conditions allow.

All classroom toys, supplies, materials and manipulatives will be used by individual children, will not be shared and will be cleaned and disinfected following Center for Disease Control and Office of Child Care (CDC/OCC) guidelines. They will not be re-used without disinfection. Likewise, electronic devices will not be shared by multiple students.

Only those materials designated by faculty may be taken home/out of the building. No materials, other than backpacks, lunch, snacks, masks and clothing to be worn for outside play can be brought into the building. Also a change of clothing is required to be brought in for all students in case they need it.

Cohorts, most often in half groups, will travel to special area teachers in a physically-distanced manner via pre-designated routes so as to minimize cross-cohort exposure.

Teachers will routinely model and enforce proper masking, frequent hand-washing, physical distancing, and hand sanitization techniques.

To reduce exposure, visitors will not be routinely permitted inside the school building.

We will have four large tents available on campus for classroom cohort use. Faculty will take students outside as appropriate for recess, teacher-led lessons, lunch, for walks and to enjoy the fresh air. Our fully-equipped Outdoor Classroom will be utilized by students at all grade levels. In addition, open windows and doors are encouraged at all times, weather and circumstances permitting.

Hand sanitizer areas are placed strategically throughout the school building for student/faculty/staff use. They will also be at all classroom entrances for use by anyone entering and exiting the classroom.

Classrooms will be cleaned when students are at recess and every evening, with a building-wide deep cleaning completed each weekend.

Consistent with guidelines regarding large-group gatherings, particularly in indoor spaces, Beako assemblies in their pre-COVID form and other in-person events will continue to be suspended. However, we plan to develop some creative modifications to the traditional Beakos so that the students and the community can still benefit from these hallmarks of the PDS experience.

Students need to be able to open their own containers and packaging without assistance from teachers. Outside lunch vendor delivery and birthday celebrations with food and/or items from home have been suspended until further notice. Our Pre-Kindergarten children will be provided with individually packaged snacks.

In preparation for our reopening in September, we continued substantial investments in our people and our campus. Specifically:

- Training and professional development will be provided to faculty and staff specific to safety.
- PDS invested significantly in our technology infrastructure to equip classrooms with streaming capabilities and provide technology tools (iPads) for older students in grade 1 & 2.
- Considering key recommendations from environmental and industrial consultants, we made significant improvements to our HVAC system by installing plasma air ionizing units as well as adding higher rated MERV filters.

OUR CAMPUS: Flexibility Remains Key

ARRIVAL, DISMISSAL & TRANSPORTATION

All students, employees, and pre-approved visitors who enter the school will have a temperature check and be screened for symptoms of COVID-19. All will wear masks when on campus.

Families are expected to monitor their children for symptoms of COVID-19 and to keep sick children home. Any child who begins displaying COVID-19-like symptoms while at school will be isolated, and families must arrange for the child to be picked up within an hour.

Students may arrive from 7:45-8:20. Dismissal time for Pre-K and Kindergarten is 2:45 and First and Second Grade are dismissed at 3:15. Due to COVID cohort restrictions we cannot accommodate tardy pick-ups. Complete details are in the Family Handbook.

Students will enter the building without parents at their assigned entrance door and proceed directly to their classroom. Parents may not accompany their child(ren) into the building. Faculty and staff members will be assigned areas of the school building and sidewalks to assist students navigating to their classrooms.

Students who arrive after 8:25 must enter via the main entrance and will be escorted to their classroom by a staff member.

PLAYGROUND & OUTDOOR SPACES

Hand sanitizer stations will be located inside the playground doors and outside on the playground for all students and faculty to use before entering and exiting the playground areas.

A first aid station for minor abrasions or injuries will be installed.

Weather permitting, tented outdoor spaces will serve as an alternative classroom.

Classroom cohorts/groups will be assigned staggered times and playground areas with identified playground equipment to be used.

OUR COMMUNITY: Health, Safety, & Security

TRAVEL & POTENTIAL EXPOSURE

All families must follow the CDC/OCC guidelines for reporting COVID-19-like symptoms and exposure published in August 2021.

Please avoid unnecessary travel, particularly to areas of substantial or high transmission (to check what those areas are, go to this website: https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases_community)

If a student traveled internationally (including Canada and Mexico), the student will be excluded from school until:

- The student has quarantined for at least 7 full days after returning to Maryland AND
- Has a viral lab-based test on day 5 or later after returning to Maryland with a negative test result submitted to the School Nurse prior to the student's return to school.
- If the test result is positive, the student must remain isolated for 10 days and meet all the requirements for a student who has a positive COVID-19 test.

Until otherwise notified, and dependent upon the state of the pandemic, the school will observe a weeklong period of quarantine following Thanksgiving, Winter, and Spring breaks.

Opportunities for distance learning are only available to specific cohort-wide students impacted by COVID-19 and for students with specific non-COVID medical conditions (a note of explanation is required from an authorized licensed medical provider stating the medical reason). 'On-demand' virtual learning will not be provided for any other absences (including travel).

VISITORS & DELIVERIES

Deliveries, including the US Mail, will be left outside at the front doors for retrieval by office staff.

While we will not routinely be admitting visitors into the school building, at least for the foreseeable future, any pre-approved visitors must meet the CDC recommendations for wellness. Furthermore, a health interview and temperature check will be conducted, face masks must be in place, and hand sanitizer must be used prior to entry into the school building. These pre-approved visitors will remain in a designated area until escorted to their destination.

Parents, faculty and staff will acknowledge and accept our school safety protocols as published in the *Family Handbook* and the *Employee Handbook*.

MASKS & FACE SHIELDS

All students, faculty/staff, parents and visitors will be required to wear face masks when on campus.

Students, faculty, and staff must provide their own masks, and reusable masks must be laundered before being worn again. (Click here for CDC Guidelines for laundering masks). It is required that students arrive to school with multiple masks for each day so that masks can be changed as needed. Faculty and staff will require students to wear masks throughout the school day.

Masks should be worn correctly, covering the mouth and nose and tight to the side of the face. Teachers will routinely support these mask-wearing guidelines. Breaks from wearing masks may be taken throughout the day as determined by the faculty and during meal times. Breaks will only occur when students, faculty, and staff are maintaining physical distancing of 6 feet.

If your child is medically unable to wear a mask throughout the school day, a note of explanation is required from an authorized licensed medical provider stating the medical reason your child cannot wear a mask and a stop date for the order; i.e., one week, one day, etc. This note must be submitted to the School Nurse prior to your child entering the school building.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

In accordance with CDC recommendations, PDS has arranged our classrooms with desks placed three feet apart to ensure a safe distance between learners.

Students will practice physical distancing when eating and will need to bring their own filled water bottles from home. Water fountains will not be available for use.

Visual aids/markers/signage (painter tape, stickers, etc.) will be placed throughout the building to illustrate traffic flow and appropriate spacing to support physical distancing and hygiene procedures.

Student use of the hallways and common areas will be minimized, with physical distancing prevailing and the use of outside "corridors."

Use of restrooms will be monitored and, as practically as possible, scheduled for physical distancing purposes.

CLEANING & SANITIZING

We will follow public health and CDC recommendations with respect to cleaning and sanitation. Only EPA-approved disinfectants will be used.

Commonly touched surfaces like handrails and doorknobs will be disinfected regularly throughout the day. Daily cleaning and disinfecting routines will comply with CDC recommendations for reducing viral transmission.

An additional day porter is on site to assist our maintenance staff with cleaning and disinfecting high-touch areas throughout the school.

The school will follow the cleaning guidelines and recommendations from the CDC and OCC.

HEALTH ROOM

Students are not permitted to go to the Health Room without a faculty or staff member calling the School Nurse in advance.

Students will not typically access the Health Room with the following common situations:

- Paper cuts, small abrasions, picked scabs – Students should wash the area involved with warm water and soap then dry that area and apply a Band-Aid.
- Minor headaches and/or fatigue – Students will get a snack/drink of water first. If not feeling better after 20 minutes, the School Nurse will be called.
- Mild stomachache and/or nausea – Students will use the restroom, drink water and have a small snack first. If not feeling better after 20 minutes, the School Nurse will be called.
- Anxiety/stress concerns – If not affecting breathing or overall physical condition, distraction will be utilized first. If not feeling better after 20 minutes, the School Nurse will be called.

The School Nurse will travel to classrooms to see students whenever possible or practical.

Any student who has had symptoms of COVID-19 and who was directed to be cared for in their home may return to school after meeting the recommendations of the CDC and submitting a medical provider's note of clearance prior to their return. (Please refer to the FAQ's below for specific information.)

WHAT IF A COMMUNITY MEMBER TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19?

If a staff member or student who has been present on campus tests positive for COVID-19, PDS requires that the infection be reported to the School immediately so that the information can be communicated to the appropriate local health department.

Students, faculty, and staff will remain at home if they are sick. If any individual presents to school with any one COVID-19-like symptom (fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, sore throat, cough, difficulty breathing, diarrhea or vomiting, new onset of severe headache especially with a fever, or new loss of taste or smell), they will be required to go home from school within one hour until clearance criteria for school return has been met.

All household members of someone confirmed or suspected to have COVID-19 should not physically attend school and quarantine at home for 10 days from the date of the **last exposure** even if they have no symptoms or if they have a negative COVID-19 test done during quarantine.

Keep in mind siblings may be at the same school or at another school (age dependent). Should a student become sick, families should notify the schools of any household contact. If a sick student's household contact is in school, the contact's school should be notified and they should be removed from the classroom and sent home as soon as possible, even if not displaying symptoms.

If a student is determined to have COVID-19 by a laboratory test or another specific alternative diagnosis by their health care provider, the student is excluded from school until:

- At least 10 days since their symptoms first appeared **and**
- At least 24 hours fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medications **and**
- Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving **and**
- A medical provider's note of clearance for the student is submitted to the school nurse prior to the student's return.

The school community will be informed by email in the event of any positive test of someone who has been present in the school, although the name will be withheld to comply with HIPAA regulations and for privacy purposes. PDS will comply with any tracing protocols from local health authorities to identify all persons that may have had direct contact with the individual who tested positive.

If there is a confirmed case within our community, all families in the affected classroom cohort(s) will be contacted as soon as possible after the case is reported and will transition to at-home learning. If this occurs during the school day, families must report to the school to pick up their children within one hour. Families from the other cohorts will receive an email within 24 hours that there is a confirmed case in another cohort. We deeply respect the privacy of our families, and communications to the community will not identify the particular individuals involved.

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to notify PDS if their child who exhibits COVID-19-like symptoms becomes sick with COVID-19, tests positive for COVID-19, or has been in close contact to someone with either a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19. Any student who exhibits symptoms of COVID-19, becomes sick with COVID-19, tests positive for COVID-19, or has been exposed to someone with COVID-19-like symptoms or a confirmed or a suspected case of COVID-19 may not come to school until respective criteria have been met. **This is for the health and wellness of the entire PDS community and must be strictly observed.**

EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL DUE TO COVID-LIKE ILLNESS

Any student who meets the below criteria for COVID-19-like illness is required to be picked up from school within one hour by a parent or an authorized person. The student will be accompanied by a staff member to a comfortable isolation area with a mask in place to wait until their parent/ guardian arrives at school to pick them up.

For the purposes of this policy, COVID-19 symptoms are any **ONE** of the following (list below is from the CDC:

https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/system/files/filedepot/3/covid_guidance_full_080420.pdf:

- Fever of 100.4 degrees or higher
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Diarrhea or vomiting
- New onset of severe headache (especially with a fever)
- New loss of taste or smell

For persons with chronic conditions such as asthma, the symptoms should represent a change from baseline.

If a student is determined to have COVID-19 by a laboratory test or another specific alternative diagnosis by their health care provider, the student is excluded from school until:

- At least 10 days since their symptoms first appeared **and**
- At least 24 hours fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medications **and**
- Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving **and**
- A medical provider's note of clearance for the student is submitted to the School Nurse **prior** to the student's return to school.

If a student has been exposed to/in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 or is suspected to have COVID-19 the student is excluded from school until:

- At least 10 days have passed after the student's last exposure to the person with COVID-19 **AND**

- No symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring
- OR**
- At least 7 days have passed after the student’s last exposure to the person with COVID-19
- AND**
- Has a negative lab-based viral test taken on day 5 or later **AND**
- No symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring **AND**
- The negative test result for the asymptomatic student is submitted to the School Nurse prior to the student’s return to school **AND**
- Daily symptom monitoring continues through Day 14.
 - If symptoms develop, the student must go into isolation and follow the protocol for having COVID-19.

In the event of temporary classroom cohort closure, learning for that classroom cohort would shift to virtual.

Close contact is defined per CDC guidelines as being within 6 feet of an infected person (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. An infected person can spread COVID-19 starting 2 days before they have any symptoms (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days before the positive specimen collection date).

- **EXCEPTION:** In the indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition per CDC guidelines excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or clinically compatible illness) where:
 - Both students were engaged in consistent and correct use of well-fitting masks; and
 - Other school prevention strategies were in place in the school setting.

This does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.

Except in certain circumstances, people who have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 should quarantine. However, the following people with recent exposure may not need to quarantine:

- People who have been fully vaccinated (two weeks past their last dose)
- People who were previously diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last three months

Students and staff who are fully vaccinated (two weeks past their last dose) are exempt from quarantine if they have direct contact with someone who has tested positive or is suspected to have COVID-19. They should have a COVID test on Day 5-7 following exposure and should monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following an exposure. If they experience symptoms, they should isolate and be tested for COVID-19.

EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL DUE TO ILLNESS POLICIES

PDS follows the recommendations of the Maryland Department of Health and Human Services and/or Montgomery County Health and Human Services for school exclusion. If your child is diagnosed with ANY contagious condition, including, but not limited to, the ones listed in FAQ 16, please call the school nurse at 301-365-4355 ext. 142 or email nurse@theprimarydayschool.org.

Since Ms. Hendrickson is at school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Ms. Pitcher is at school Thursday and Friday, we ask that you send all emails regarding health matters to nurse@theprimarydayschool.org.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Should I keep my child home from school if they seem “a little off”?

- Does your child have a fever (100+ degrees F), low-grade fever or chills?
- Does your child feel nauseous or has vomited or had diarrhea?
- Does your child have a cough?
- Does your child have a sore throat?
- Does your child have any difficulty breathing, congestion or a runny nose?
- Does your child have muscle aches or body aches?
- Has your child lost their sense of smell or taste?
- Is your child acting too tired to fully participate in their school day?
- Is anyone else in your household ill or not feeling well?

If you have answered “Yes” to any of the above questions, your child should remain at home and not attend school that day while you monitor their symptoms. (Please refer to “Exclusions from School Due to Illness Policies”). Also, if you are just not sure, you can always call the School Nurse and discuss with her what you are seeing at home **prior** to bringing your child to school. She can be reached at (301) 365-4355 Ext. 142.

2. My child does not have a 100 F degree temperature but it is 99.9 F degrees. Should I give them a fever reducing medication and send them to school?

It is well proven that children’s fevers go up as the school day goes on. Do not medicate your child with a fever reducing medication prior to sending them to school. This would only mask their symptoms. Even with a low-grade fever, your child should remain home until they feel better without the use of medication.

3. What happens if my child becomes sick while at PDS?

If your child appears to be not feeling well, the School Nurse will be notified and will examine your child and determine if your child just needs to rest or be dismissed from school.

If your child is dismissed from school due to illness, the School Nurse will notify you that your child needs to be picked up from school. Any student displaying symptoms of illness will be required to be separated from the remaining school population while they wait for their parent/guardian to pick them up from school. The student will be in the presence of PDS personnel in a comfortable area while waiting for their parent. This would usually be the School Nurse but could also be another PDS personnel. The parent or authorized person who is picking the student up, must arrive at PDS within one hour.

4. What symptoms of COVID-19 will cause my child to be dismissed from school?

A student who meets the below criteria for COVID-19-like illness is required to be picked up from school within one hour by a parent or by another authorized person. The student will be accompanied by a staff member to a comfortable isolation area with a mask in place to wait until their parent/guardian arrives at school. If the parent or other authorized person does not arrive at school within one hour, another person on the Emergency Contact list will be called.

The symptoms of COVID-19 can be different for different individuals. For PDS, symptoms of COVID-19-like illness that will result in the dismissal from school include those that meet the following criteria:

Any **ONE** of the following:

- Fever of 100.4 degrees or above.
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Diarrhea or vomiting
- New onset of severe headache (especially with a fever)
- New loss of taste or smell

For persons with chronic conditions such as asthma, the symptoms should represent a change from baseline.

5. When should I take my child to their pediatrician for COVID-19-like symptoms/illness symptoms?

If your child is exhibiting any COVID-19-like symptoms of illness, it is always a wise choice to call your pediatrician and have a conversation with them to determine if your child needs to be seen in their office.

6. My child has an earache but no other symptoms, can they come to school?

In short “Yes” but there are other factors to consider. Will your child experience pain due to the earache that will prevent him/her from fully participating in their school day? Is the ear discomfort/pain intense enough that it prevents your child from being able to focus? Would your child be more comfortable at home for a day? If you answered “Yes” to any of these questions, your child should not come to school.

7. What is the best way for me to keep my child safe at school during the pandemic?

- Educate your child prior to the start of in-person learning regarding the importance of wearing a face mask, washing their hands properly, covering their mouth area with the inside of their arm if sneezing or coughing and not touching their face, mouth, nose or eyes.
- Discuss/show your child how to use hand sanitizer, how to turn on and off a faucet without touching it with their skin (use a paper towel) and what 6 feet between objects looks like.
- Reinforce PDS' policy that food and water bottles are not shared at school.
- Have your child practice opening all their own lunch and snack items by themselves prior to starting school.
- Have your child practice putting on and taking off their facial masks properly.
- Be the example of the behavior you want to see in your child regarding health and wellness.

8. How can I help my child get used to wearing a face mask?

Children have seen masks on many people and they have worn them. To help your child fully adjust to longer periods of wearing a facial mask, follow the below steps:

- Use simple words to explain why people are wearing masks and why we wear them at PDS.
- Give your child time to look at, feel, watch and get used to the idea of wearing a mask and the mask itself.
- Answer your child's questions in simple, honest answers.
- Give support and cheer your child on for their efforts in putting on a mask.
- Make it fun!

9. What can I do to help prevent the spread of COVID-19?

- Stay home if you are sick/keep your child home if they are sick. Only leave home for essential medical care and other essential errands.
- Maintain a 3-6 feet zone between you and people outside your home.
- Wear a face covering. You can be contagious even if you do not have any symptoms and spread the disease when you cough, sneeze or talk.
- Practice healthy hand hygiene. Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not

available. Clean frequently touched surfaces regularly. Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or your arm when sneezing, coughing. Do not use your hands.

10. Will I be notified if a student in my child's cohort tests positive for COVID?

Yes. PDS will send an email stating that a person in your child's classroom cohort tests positive for COVID-19. The name of that person will be kept confidential.

11. If my child is diagnosed with COVID-19, when can they return to school?

If a student is determined to have COVID-19 by a laboratory test or another specific alternative diagnosis by their health care provider, the student is excluded from school until:

- At least 10 days have passed from the date of their positive test or diagnosis AND
- There is no fever for 24 hours without the use of medication AND
- All symptoms have improved AND
- A medical provider's note of clearance for the student is submitted to the School Nurse prior to the student's return to school.

12. If my child has had COVID-19, do they have to continue to test?

For 90 days following a student's recovery from COVID-19, if the student remains asymptomatic, then re-testing is unlikely to yield useful information, even if the student had close contact with an infected person; therefore, testing will not be required for 90 days post-recovery.

13. If my child just had "a cold" but was not diagnosed with COVID-19, when can my child return to school?

Your child may return to school after their symptoms have improved and they have been fever free for 24 hours (one full day) without the use of a fever reducing medication.

14. If my child was exposed to/in close contact with a person with COVID-19 or a person suspected to have COVID-19, when can my child return to school?

If a student has been exposed to/in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 or is suspected to have COVID-19 the student is excluded from school until:

- At least 10 days have passed after the student's last exposure to the person with COVID-19 AND
- Has a negative lab-based viral test taken on day 5 or later of quarantine AND
- No clinical evidence of COVID-19 has been elicited by daily symptom monitoring during the entirety of their quarantine up to the time at which quarantine is discontinued AND

- The negative test result for the asymptomatic student is submitted to the School Nurse prior to the student's return to school.

15. What is the definition of close contact?

Close contact is defined per CDC guidelines as being within 6 feet of an infected person (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. An infected person can spread COVID-19 starting 2 days before they have any symptoms (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days before the positive specimen collection date).

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 - Other school prevention strategies were in place in the school setting.

This does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.

Except in certain circumstance, people who have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 should quarantine. However, the following people with recent exposure may not need to quarantine:

- People who have been fully vaccinated
- People who were previously diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last three months

16. What conditions or illnesses would exclude my child from school and when may they safely return?

CONDITION

WHEN THE CHILD MAY RETURN

Any physical condition that prevents a child from fully participating in the school environment.

When they are again able to fully participate in the school environment.

Asthma that cannot be controlled with an inhaler

After being seen by a physician and with a medical provider’s note of clearance stating what protocol should be followed at school for this condition.

Chicken pox

After all lesions have dried over or 7 days after the onset of the rash.

Conjunctivitis (infectious)

After the eye(s) are without discharge or the child is on an antibiotic for a minimum of 24 hours.

Coronavirus	After CDC guidelines have been met and a note of medical clearance is submitted to the Health Room prior to the student's return.
Cough (persistent)	When the cough no longer interferes with school-related activities or the learning process.
Ear Infection	After the child is without pain (no medication being necessary to control pain) and the child has been fever-free for a minimum of 24 hours.
Hepatitis A	One week after onset of illness or jaundice and a medical provider's note of clearance is submitted to the Health Room stating the student is permitted to attend school.
Impetigo	After 24 hours of antibiotic treatment. The infected area must be kept covered while at school.
Measles	With a medical provider's note of clearance submitted to the Health Room stating the student is no longer contagious and is permitted to attend school.
Mouth sores (with drooling)	After drooling has stopped and the child is pain free.
Mumps	At least 9 days after the onset of parotid gland swelling and a medical provider's note of clearance submitted to the Health Room stating the student is permitted to attend school.

Pertussis	After 5 consecutive days of antibiotic treatment and the child is fever free (less than 100 degrees F) and a medical provider's note of clearance is submitted to the Health Room stating the student is permitted to attend school.
Rash (unknown origin)	After the rash is gone or a note and a medical provider's note of clearance is submitted to the Health Room stating the student is not contagious and is permitted to attend school.
Ringworm	After antifungal treatment has been started and the student can keep from touching or scratching the area, which must be covered at all times at school.
Scabies	After treatment course is completed and a medical provider's note of clearance is submitted to the Health Room stating the student is permitted to attend school.
Scarlet Fever	After 24 hours of antibiotic treatment has been completed and a medical provider's note of clearance is submitted to the Health Room stating the student is permitted to attend school.
Strep Throat	After 24 hours of antibiotic treatment has been completed.
Tuberculosis	After a medical provider's note of clearance is submitted to the Health Room stating the student is no longer contagious and is permitted to attend school.