



BECAUSE WE CARE...

We coordinate with the Orange County Public Health Department in protecting children from certain symptoms of communicable diseases.

If your child has any of these symptoms, please keep him/her home, or make appropriate child care arrangements.

*APPEARANCE, BEHAVIOR-unusually tired, pale, lack of appetite, difficult to wake, confused, or irritable. This is sufficient reason to exclude a child from school.

*EYES-thick mucus or pus draining from the eye or pink eye (conjunctivitis).

*FEVER-temperature of 100.5 degrees Fahrenheit or higher.

*GREENISH NOSE DISCHARGE, and/or CHRONIC COUGH-should be seen by a health care provider. These conditions may be contagious and require treatment.

*SORE THROAT-especially with fever or swollen glands in the neck.

*DIARRHEA-3 or more watery stools in a 24 hour period especially if the child acts or looks ill.

*VOMITING-vomiting 2 or more times within the past 24 hours.

*RASH-body rash, especially with fever or itching. Diaper rashes, heat rashes and allergic reactions are not contagious. Pimples, boils, head rash or any open draining areas should be evaluated by a healthcare provider.

*EAR INFECTIONS WITHOUT FEVER-do not need to be excluded, but the child needs to receive medical treatment and follow-up. Untreated ear infections can cause permanent hearing loss.

*LICE, SCABIES-children may not return to school until they have been treated and are free of lice and nits (eggs). Children with scabies can be admitted after treatment.

IF YOUR CHILD SHOWS ANY OF THE ABOVE SYMPTOMS AT SCHOOL, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO PICK HIM/HER UP FROM SCHOOL.

- Bringing a child to school with any of the above symptoms puts other children and staff at risk of getting sick.
- If all parents keep their sick children at home, we will have stronger, healthier, and happier children.
- While we regret any inconvenience this may cause, in the long run this means fewer lost work days and less illness for parents, too.

Thank you,
Orange County Public School Nurses