



Too Sick for School?



Below are some guidelines to help you make the decision about when to keep your child home from school. The recommendations are based on the guidelines provided by the Communicable Disease Program of the Indiana State Department of Health. They were developed to help prevent the spread of potentially contagious disease.

Keep your child home if he/she has any of the following symptoms:

<u>Symptom</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
Fever	Greater than 100.0 F. May return when fever-free for 24 hours (WITHOUT the use of fever-reducing medication).
Vomiting	Any unexplained episode in the past 12 hours. May return 24 hours after last episode.
Diarrhea	Three or more unexplained episodes of watery or loose stools in 24 hours OR sudden onset of loose stools. May return 24 hours after last episode.
Rash	Any new rash accompanied by a fever. May return after rash goes away or clearance given by a health care provider.
Skin Lesions (Sores)	Drainage from a sore that cannot be contained within a bandage OR sores are increasing in size OR new sores are developing day-to-day. All skin lesions must be covered at school.
Cough	Serious, sustained coughing, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing.
Other	Symptoms that prevent the student from active participation in usual school activities OR student is requiring pain medicine stronger than Tylenol or Ibuprofen.

Home is the best place for a child who is ill. If your child is sick with a diagnosed communicable disease, please notify the school as soon as possible. This notification will greatly assist others who, due to medical reasons and/or treatments, have weakened immune systems and may require immediate and specialized care if exposed.