

When to Keep Your Child Home From School

The following are guidelines to help you decide when to keep your child home from school. COVID-19 is a new virus, and sometimes it will be hard to differentiate between this virus and other illnesses.

If your child has any of the following signs of illness, you must keep them home and notify the school for next steps. Covid testing may be necessary.

SYMPTOM
FEVER 100.4 or higher AND/OR CHILLS
COUGH, SHORTNESS OF BREATH or DIFFICULTY BREATHING
NEW LOSS of SMELL OR TASTE
HEADACHE
DIARRHEA
NAUSEA and/or VOMITING
NASAL CONGESTION, SNEEZING AND/OR RUNNY NOSE
SORE THROAT
FATIGUE
BODY ACHE
EARACHE
RASH
EYES - unusual redness or discharge
TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 (not yet cleared to return to school)

Keeping ill children at home protects other children, their families, and the school staff from infection, which is particularly important during the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOTE: children must be fever-free for over 24 hrs without fever-reducing medication, and without vomiting or diarrhea for over 24 hours, before returning to school. Children prescribed antibiotics may return 24 hrs after starting antibiotics.