

## **Influenza-Like Illness Symptom Screening Tool for Parents and Caregivers**

Parents and caregivers should use the following questionnaire to assess the health status of their child on a daily basis. Flu-like symptoms should be reported to Attendance.

### **DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE:**

Fever (100° F or greater) OR Feels warm/has flushed appearance/is sweating or shivering?  Yes  No  
Sore Throat?  Yes  No  
Cough?  Yes  No

### **SHOULD I KEEP MY CHILD HOME?**

If you checked yes to fever AND one of the other symptoms, keep your child home. Child should stay at home at least 24 hours after he/she no longer has a fever or signs of a fever (without the use of a fever-reducing medicine).

If your child has been diagnosed by a healthcare provider with an illness other than influenza, such as strep throat, follow your healthcare provider's recommendation and school policy for when to return to school.

If you have questions about your child's health or symptoms, call your child's healthcare provider.

### **WHAT SHOULD I TELL MY CHILD'S SCHOOL?**

If you checked "yes" for fever AND one of the other symptoms, tell your child's Attendance Office that your child is home with influenza-like illness.

If your child has been diagnosed by a healthcare provider with an illness other than influenza, such as strep throat, tell your child's Attendance Office.

### **WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN MY CHILD IS READY TO RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER AN INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESS?**

Send your child to the office or attendance clerk with a note from you, the parent or guardian, saying that your child has been well for the past 24 hours.