

Illness Guidelines

The following guidelines are set by the State of California and are used to determine when a student may return to class. If your child is ill, please call the school to report the illness.

Appearance/Behavior: Student should stay home when unusually tired, pale, difficult to wake, complaining of upset stomach, and irritable.

Colds/Coughing: Student should stay home until they are no longer coughing or sneezing frequently. Cough drops and/or other over-the-counter medicines are not permitted at school unless there is a signed doctor's prescription and health office medication form.

Diarrhea and/or Vomiting: Student should stay home until they are free from these symptoms for 24 hours. Students who vomit at school will be sent home.

Fever: Student should stay home if their temperature is 100 degrees or higher. They may return to school when they have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of any medication to lower the temperature. The student will be sent home if their temperature 99.5 degrees or higher.

Influenza (flu): May return to school after student has been fever-free for 24 hours (see Fever) and feels well enough to come back to school. Cough and fatigue may last several weeks.

Lice: Student may return to school after treatment with an approved pediculocide shampoo has been initiated and all nits (eggs) have been removed. Treatment needs to be repeated in 1 week or according to package directions. Clothing, bedding and/or cloth toys should be laundered or stored in plastic bags for 10 days to kill all lice and eggs. Please report to the Health Office.

Pinkeye: Thick mucous and pus draining from the eyes; eyes crusted and difficult to open. Do not send your child to school if this is not a normal finding for your child. Contact the doctor for guidance. May return to school 24 hours after prescription medication/eye drops have been given and discharge from the eye has stopped.

Staph/MRSA/Impetigo: May return to school 24 hours after treatment has been started. Open wounds must be kept covered at all times. Please report this diagnosis to the Health Office.

Strep throat/Scarlet fever/Scarletina: Student may return to school after taking antibiotics for 24 hours. Please report this diagnosis to the Health Office.

If you have any questions please contact the health office at (310)229-3675.

Thank you,

Hawthorne School Health Office