



Tips for keeping ill students at home

Many parents ask, “When is my child sick enough to stay home from school”

In Accordance with Pennsylvania Code, Title 28 Chapter 27. Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases, your child should not come to school with the following symptoms:

- Fever, 100.5 or greater, in the past 24 hours (must be fever free without the help of medication)
- Vomiting and / or diarrhea in the past 24 hours
- Thick mucus or drainage from the eye
- Rash that is undiagnosed especially with a fever
- Cold symptoms with runny nose and/or cough, especially if the cold symptoms keep the child awake during the night. (A child with a deep cough that will not go away needs to see a physician.)
- Strep throat (Must have taken antibiotics a full 24 hours before returning.)
- Head lice - may return after the completion of appropriate treatment
- Scabies- may return after completion of appropriate treatment

*****Bringing a child to school with any of the above symptoms puts other children and staff at risk of getting ill.

Thank you,
Altoona Area School District Health Staff

