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Return to School When...	Fever free for 24 hours without medication	Free from vomiting for at least 2 solid meals	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash, itching, or fever	Treated appropriately at home and proof is provided to nurse	Evaluated by a doctor and have a note to return to school	Released by health care provider to return to school

For other complaints – sore throat, cough, runny nose, etc. – consider whether it is severe enough to keep your child from participating in class.

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