



ILLNESS IN SCHOOL

SHOULD THEY
STAY HOME?



COLD

A child with a mild cold will be permitted to come to and stay in school. A child with a “heavy” cold and/or a hacking cough should not be sent to school, even if he/she does not have a fever.



FEVER

A child with a fever over 100.0 degrees, lethargy, irritability, persistent crying, difficulty breathing, and/or other manifestations of possible severe illness should not be sent to school.



VOMITING/DIARRRHEA

A child with vomiting and/or diarrhea occurring two or more times in 24 hours or accompanied by a fever should be kept home. Exceptions can be made for vomiting and/or diarrhea that is caused by a non-communicable condition.



SORE THROATS

A child with a sore throat accompanied by a fever should be seen by a health care provider. A child with a sore throat accompanied by a fever should not be sent to school.



RASHES

A child with an undiagnosed rash should be seen by a health care provider. A child with suspected contagious rashes will be sent home from school. Open sores need special attention. There are a variety of contagious skin infections that require medical treatment before a child can attend school. A child with an open sore and a suspected contagious illness should not be sent to school.