**The following guidelines for common school illnesses are based on standards of care determined by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the National Association of School Nurses and the Centers for Disease Control.  *There may be exceptions to the guidelines, but the following practices are considered routine best practice.***

**GENERAL ILLNESS:**

**FEVER:  Students are excluded from school with fever of 100.0 degrees or higher.  Students should be excluded until fever free for 24 hours without the use of anti-fever medications such as acetaminophen (Tylenol) or ibuprofen (Advil).**

**VOMITING:  Acute Illness:  Students are excluded from school until vomiting is resolved.  Students should be excluded from school until 12 hours after last vomiting episode.  Exceptions may pertain to students with chronic or ongoing illness.**

**DIARRHEA:  Acute Illness:  Students are excluded from school until diarrhea is resolved.  Students should be excluded from school until 12 hours after the last diarrhea episode.  Exceptions may pertain for students with chronic or ongoing illness.**

**RASH:  Students may be excluded from school until seen by provider and directives for school attendance are received though minor skin changes do not require exclusion.  Students may be excluded from school if rash is accompanied by fever, sore throat or other symptoms.**

**SPECIFIC ILLNESS:**

**FIFTH’S DISEASE:  Students may attend school if temperature is less than 100.0 degrees F and other symptoms are minimal and do not affect students’ ability to participate and learn.**

**HAND FOOT MOUTH:  Students may attend school unless mouth sores are present and oral secretions cannot be contained.  Students meeting other exclusion criteria, such as fever of 100.0 F or higher, will also be excluded.**

**IMPETIGO:  Students will be excluded at the end of the school day and may be allowed to return after starting treatment.  Lesions are to be covered if potential for exposure to lesions exists.**

**LICE:  Students may stay in school until the end of the day and may return to school after first treatment.  Students are not excluded from school for the presence of nits only.**

**PINK EYE:  Students may stay in school though may be excluded for copious amounts of eye secretions and/or the ability to contain infection.**

**RING WORM:  Students will be excluded from school at the end of the day and allowed to return after first treatment.  Lesions are to be covered if potential for exposure to lesions exists.**

**STREP THROAT:  Students diagnosed with strep throat are excluded from school and may return to school after 24 hours of antibiotic therapy and if not meeting any other exclusionary criteria.**