

USD #378 Riley County Illness Guidelines

QUARANTINE TIME: Following are the quarantine guidelines used to determine when a child may return to classes. These guidelines published by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and/or USD #378 Student Handbook on the school's website.

Covid-Student must follow current KDHE and RCHD guidelines regarding testing, quarantine or isolation guidelines at the time of illness. Also follow the guidelines for Fever and Cold/Coughing.

Colds/Coughing-Student should stay home until they are no longer coughing and sneezing frequently. Cold medicine and/or cough drops may be sent to school according to the **"Medication at School"** policy found in the student handbook on school's website.

Diarrhea and/or Vomiting - Student should stay home until they are symptom-free for **24 hours**. Students who vomit at school will be sent home. If diarrhea/vomiting occur at home, during the night or weekend, these same guidelines apply. (No vomiting or diarrhea for **24 hours**)

Fever - May return to school when they have been fever-free for **24 hours** without the use of fever-reducing medication. A fever is considered having a body temperature of 100 degrees or over. If a student's temperature is checked at school and is 100 degrees or higher, the student will be sent home.

Influenza (flu) - Home isolation for **5 days** following onset of illness or until fever-free for **24 hours** without the use of fever-reducing medication, whichever is longer. Cough and fatigue may last several weeks. Encourage good hand washing with student and other family members.

Fifth Disease - Most contagious before the onset of rash. Student may return to school after rash appears. See also, Fever guidelines.

Chicken Pox - Student must stay home and can return to school when all lesions are dry and crusted.

Lice - If live lice are found, student will be excluded from school. Parents/Guardian will be notified. Student may return to school the next day after treatment has been started. All the nits (eggs) do not have to be removed before the student can return. Treatment needs to be repeated in 1 week or according to package directions. Infected clothing and home must be cleaned to reduce the chance of re-infestation. Please report to the school if cases are found at home.

Pinkeye or Conjunctivitis -May return to school 24 hours after prescription eye drops have been started. Encourage good hand washing.

Ringworm - May return to school after beginning fungicide treatment. Keep area covered while at school. Student should not participate in activities involving skin-to-skin contact until lesions are completely healed.

Scabies - May return to school 24 hours after treatment has started and clothing is disinfected.

Staph/MRSA/Impetigo - May return to school **24 hours** after treatment has started. Open wounds must be covered with a dry bandage at all times including PE, sports practices, games, etc. See MRSA information on school's website. Encourage good hand washing.

Strep Throat/Scarlet Fever/Scarlatina - Student may return to school after being on antibiotics for **24 hours**, is fever-free for **24 hours** without fever reducing medication and feeling well enough to cope with school routine and activities. Encourage good hand washing.

Please notify the school if your child has any of the illness mention above. Please mention what symptoms of illness your child is experiencing.