**RUSSELLVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**PERSONAL ILLNESS GUIDELINES**

*To provide our students with a healthy environment in which to learn, please follow these guidelines:*

1. If your child complains before school, take his/her temperature and keep your child home if the temperature exceeds 99.9 degrees.
2. If your child complains with stomach disorders such as nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea, he/she should not be sent to school. Stomach viruses are contagious.
3. If your child has a rash of unknown origin or has a suspected condition (such as chicken pox), do not send your student to school until a physician has diagnosed the condition.
4. If a student is sent home from school with fever, your student should not return to school the next day. A child should be free from fever for twenty-four (24) hours before returning to school. This should be determined without the use of fever-reducing medicines (any medicine that contains ibuprofen or acetaminophen).
5. If a child has redness and/or drainage of one or both eyes, your student may have a contagious eye condition. Do not send your student to school until the condition is gone or the condition has been treated by a physician. If your child is prescribed an eye medication, he/she may return to school after the medication has been given for 24 hours.

*Many times children become ill at school and it is necessary for the school nurse to notify parents. The following criteria will be used as a guide before notifying parents to pick their student up from school:*

* Fever of 100 degrees or higher.
* Vomiting and/or severe diarrhea.
* Symptoms of contagious conjunctivitis (pink eye). The student may return to school after being on physician-directed medication for 24 hours.
* Symptoms of contagious disease.
* Serious injuries as deemed by the school nurse or principal.
* Symptoms of head lice or nits.
* Symptoms that the school nurse or principal deem as a possible health risk to the student and/or to the student population.