

# ILLNESS GUIDELINES



Please use the EMP app to report your child absent from school. Notify the school at once if he/she has been diagnosed with a communicable disease or has been exposed to one such as Covid-19, flu, strep throat, pink eye, chicken pox, pertussis (whooping cough), measles, mumps, or rubella, etc.

A child should be kept home from school if any of these symptoms occur **the night before or morning of school:**

- Child does not feel well.
- Child shows evidence of a fever over 100. If they have a fever, they must stay home for 24 hours AFTER they are fever free without the use of medicine.
- **If you have to give your child any medicine in the morning – DO NOT SEND THEM TO SCHOOL. They are still sick and you are risking getting the other students and teachers sick.**
- Child confirmed to have Covid-19 or been exposed to a family member who tested positive for Covid-19 must stay home for 5 days after exposure or positive test.
- Child has a persistent cough.
- Child has open sores/blisters that cannot be covered with a band-aid.
- Child has had a fever at any time THE PREVIOUS DAY OR NIGHT
- Child has had diarrhea/vomiting the previous day. They must stay home for 24 hours AFTER symptoms have resolved.
- Child has a thick/heavy nasal discharge.
- Child has a rash.
- Child has persistent itching or scratching of the body or scalp.
- Child has red eyes and or mucus discharge oozing from them.

To protect the health and safety of our children, families, and staff, please scan your child for a temperature before coming to school. Once school starts, **we will do a wellness check before the child can enter the classroom as well as will send home any child who tells us they “do not feel well.”** The student will be taken to the office and given proper attention and the parent/guardian will be notified for immediate pick-up and the child may not return to school the next day. If a parent cannot pick up within 15-20 minutes, a friend or family member should be contacted to pick up your child. Parents are still responsible for tuition regardless of the number of days a child is home sick.

**If a child’s symptoms are due to allergies from repeated coughing, we suggest the student stay home until coughing subsides to prevent germs being spread to the teachers and other students.**

Thank you for your support as we work to keep everyone healthy and happy at school.