

When To Keep Your Child Home From School

- **Fever of 99.5 degrees or higher**
- **Vomiting within the past 24 hours**
- **Diarrhea within the past 24 hours**
- **Rashes that may be contagious or infectious (such as impetigo, poison ivy, ringworm or PINK EYE)**

We ask that you notify the health room if your child has been diagnosed with a communicable disease such as strep throat. When receiving antibiotics for a communicable disease, your child may not return to school until 24 hours after the START of the antibiotics (first dose given).

When Can I send My Child Back to School?

- **Fever free (temp below 99.5) for at least 24 hours.** This is without the use of fever-reducing medication.
- **No episodes of vomiting and/or Diarrhea for at least 24 hours.** Keep your child home for 24 hours after the last time he/she vomited and/or had diarrhea without using medications to control the symptoms.

LICE: Please inform the school nurse if your child has been diagnosed with lice. You also need to inform the nurse of the pediculocide used to treat your child. If a student in your child's class has been diagnosed with lice, you will receive a "lice letter" either via email or paper in your child's folder. This letter will go into more detail regarding treatment for lice.

You will be asked to pick your child up from school for the following:

- **Fever (over 99.5)**
- **Vomiting**
- **Diarrhea**
- **Rashes that may be contagious (ringworm, scarlet fever, impetigo)**
- **Drainage from the ears, eyes, nose, especially yellow or green in color**
- **Cough that is productive (produces mucus) and excessive**
- **Head injury, suspected concussion**
- **Possible sprain, strain, break of bones**
- **Any other issues that prevent your student from participating in classroom activities.**

It is our goal to keep your child at school but sometimes that is not possible. It is vital you provide the school with your correct contact information and that you answer your phone/ call us back in a timely manner. The phone in the health room will not come through as St. Gabriel Catholic School.

Children become sick despite our best efforts. Please help others from becoming ill by keeping your child home when they are sick. Returning to school too early can also slow his/her recovery.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation,

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