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EXCLUSION POLICY FOR SUSPECTED COMMUNICABLE CONDITIONS

POLICY:

Any student who is suspected to have a contagious health condition may be restricted from school at the discretion of the school nurse.

NO STUDENT WILL BE RE-ADMITTED TO SCHOOL UNTIL THE CONDITION HAS RESOLVED AND/OR EVIDENCE OF MEDICAL INTERVENTION IS OBTAINED.

An exclusion notice will be sent home with student to be signed by student's health care providers before the student re-enters school.

PROCEDURE:

Each presenting condition will be assessed on an individual basis. Some conditions (e.g. conjunctivitis, head lice or a febrile illness) require the student to go home immediately. Other conditions (impetigo, ringworm, isolated lesions that can be covered) may stay in school until the end of the day.

Please keep your child at home if he or she has:

1. a fever over 100° during the past 24 hours
2. a cold in the active stages, i.e. coughing, running, sneezing
3. a sore throat and/or swollen neck glands
4. an undiagnosed rash or skin eruptions
5. vomiting or diarrhea within the past 24 hours
6. head lice that haven't been treated

Since school health rooms are not equipped to accommodate sick children and since crowded health rooms lead to further spread of disease it is imperative that sick children be kept at home. It is also crucial that parents make every effort to pick up children as soon as possible when notified by school personnel. Changes in emergency phone numbers should be made immediately.