

When can my child return to school?

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Illness	Contagious?	Symptoms	When to return to school
Chickenpox	✓	Fever Red, itchy rash on the body. Changes from bumps to blisters to scabs.	Not until all the bumps have scabs and no new bumps appear for 2 days.
Cold	✓	Runny nose, scratchy throat, cough.	Your child may go to school with minor cold symptoms.
COVID	✓	Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, body aches, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell.	Stay home for at least 5 days from the time your symptoms begin. If no symptoms, stay home for at least 5 days from the day of your + test.
Fever	Depends on the cause	Temperature over 100 Degrees.	Stay home until there is no fever for 24 hours without using fever-reducing medication.
Flu	✓	Fever, chills, cold symptoms, body aches, sometimes vomiting, and diarrhea.	Stay home until there is no fever for 24 hours without using fever-reducing medications and symptoms improve.
Impetigo or MRSA	✓	Red, oozing, blister-like rash.	Cover all involved areas until completely healed. Avoid close contact activities until all lesions are scabbed over.
Middle Ear Infections	No	Ear pain, fever.	Your child may attend school if comfort level allows.
Pinkeye	✓	Watery, itchy eyes. Redness in the white of eyes, puffy eyelids, drainage from eyes, crusty. Discomfort.	Your child may return to school as advised by your child's medical provider.
Ringworm	✓	Skin - pink, raised patches and mild itching. Scalp - flaky or crusty patches and hair loss.	Treat as advised by your child's medical provider. Skin - keep covered. Scalp- don't share hats, brushes or clothing.

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Scabies and Live Lice



Itching and scratching. Scabies affects the skin, lice affect the scalp.

For scabies - keep your child home until treatment is started. For lice - check your child's head for 10 days. Re-treat as needed.

Strep Throat or Scarlet Fever



Sore throat, fever, headache, stomachache.

Keep your child home until there is no fever and has received antibiotics for 24 hours (if prescribed).

Vomiting or Diarrhea

Depends on the cause

Vomits more than one time
Loose, runny stools.

Keep your child home until there has been no vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours.

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