



Social Circle City Schools

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When Does A Student or Employee Need to Stay Home from School?

It is often hard to decide early in the morning if a student or employee is too sick to go to school. It can be hard to tell if minor symptoms will get better or worse during the day. Use the following guidance to know when to stay home.

- **Fever** of 100.3 or higher - must be **fever free without using fever reducing medication for 24 hours** before returning to school
- **Nausea** and/or **vomiting** - must be **symptom free 24 hours** before returning to school
- **Diarrhea** - must be **symptom free 24 hours** before returning to school
- **Uncontrolled/persistent coughing** – (For any coughing, you are encouraged to cough into the crook of your elbow to decrease the spread of germs.)
- **Flu/virus symptoms** – aching, low- or high-grade fever, coughing, headache, scratchy throat, chills, body aches, overall “sick feeling”
- **Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing**
- **Confirmed COVID-19 or suspected COVID-19** – at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared and at least 24 hours since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and symptoms have improved.
- **Close contacts of COVID-19** – must be quarantined at home except for medical care, excluded from all school settings and extracurricular activities. A 14-day quarantine is recommended or other quarantine option as specified by the department of public health and SCCS.
- **Any diagnosis that requires prescription antibiotics**, e.g., tonsillitis, strep throat or anything that could be transmitted to others – Students are to remain at home until they have been **on the antibiotic for 24 hours and are fever free without using reducing medications for 24 hours**.
- **Conjunctivitis (pink eye)** – stay home until there is no more redness, drainage or itching, and the student has used eye drops for 24 hours if prescribed by doctor.
- Untreated **head lice or scabies** – student may return to school as soon as he/she has been treated and there are no live bugs. Re-treat as needed. Nits (lice eggs) in the hair are not a reason to stay home from school. After school, nits need to be combed out of the hair until none remain.
- Stay home until the medical provider says it is OK to return to school.
- For **open sores**, keep covered until there is no more drainage.
- If a student or employee is diagnosed by their physician with any contagious illness, please notify the clinic.

Following these guidelines will help to keep students and employees well and in the classroom. Thank you for your cooperation!