



Policy for Illness

OVERVIEW:

When a student presents to the clinic with a complaint, the nurse will:

- Determine chief complaint
- Assess chief complaint by gathering subjective and objective data
- Develop plan of care
- Implement plan of care
- Evaluate

Illness will be handled according to the following guidelines:

- Students who are ill or seriously injured should be kept home until improved.
- Students will not be allowed to attend school if they are showing definite signs of illness such as:
 - fever greater than 99 or at nurse's discretion
 - vomiting
 - diarrhea
 - rash or skin infection
 - contagious diseases or infestations such as but not limited to conjunctivitis, strep infections, impetigo or other contagious infections, live infestations.
- If a student becomes ill at school or presents with the above symptoms, parents will be notified, and the student will need to go home.
- It is the nurse's discretion to send a student home, even if not meeting the above criteria, if she feels the student is possibly contagious and/or putting other students or staff at risk of illness.
- Communicate with teachers and parents regarding contagious illness.

RETURN TO SCHOOL:

- If a child is absent from school five or more consecutive days due to illness, the student must present a doctor's note upon returning and before being admitted to class.
- If your child is being treated with an antibiotic they must be on the medication for at least 24 hours before returning to school.
- Students should be fever free (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and/or not having vomited for at least 24 hours before returning to school.



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Policy for Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)

What is Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye?)

Conjunctivitis or Pink Eye is an inflammation or swelling of the conjunctiva-the thin layer that lines the inside of the eyelid and covers the white part of the eye. Conjunctivitis is most commonly caused by viruses, bacteria, or allergens.

Signs and symptoms of Conjunctivitis are pink or redness of the white part of the eye, Eye discharge, itching, pain or irritation. Sometimes crusting of the eyelids particularly in the morning.

What happens if I suspect my child to have Conjunctivitis?

- Students who have drainage and redness to the eye(s) will be sent home.
- A student may return to school if they have been treated with antibiotics for 24 hours, and no drainage is noted.

How to prevent the spread of conjunctivitis:

- Viral and bacterial conjunctivitis is easily spread person to person.
- Avoid rubbing or touching eyes. Always use a tissue to wipe away drainage, throw away afterwards and wash hands
- Avoid sharing make-up, or eye drops.

Please feel free to contact the clinic with any questions or concerns you may have.

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Policy for Pediculosis (Head Lice)

What is Pediculosis (Head Lice)?

- Head Lice or Pediculosis are small tan to grayish-white insects that are about the size of a sesame seed.
- They do not carry disease, but may cause skin irritation.
- Lice can live up to 30 days on a person's head and lay 50-150 eggs (nits).

What happens if my child is found to have lice or nits (eggs)?

- Students who are found to have live bugs will be sent home.
- A student may return to school if they have been treated and upon returning to school no live bugs are found.
- A student that has been treated but still has nits (eggs) **WILL NOT** be sent home.
- When a student is found to have lice, the entire class (homeroom) will be checked and a letter will be sent home notifying parents.

How to prevent the spread of Pediculosis (Head Lice):

- Don't share items that touch your head (combs, hats, headbands, etc.).
- Avoid head to head contact.

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Policy for Ringworm

What is Ringworm?

Ringworm is a fungal infection of the body, scalp, or feet. The cause for ringworm is a fungi not a worm. The lesion appears as a flat, spreading, ring-shaped lesion on the skin. Ringworm is contagious as long as lesions are present, but reduced after treatment begins.

What happens if I suspect my child to have ringworm?

- Students who have suspected ringworm will be sent home if treatment has not begun.
- A student may return to school if the ringworm is being treated and the lesion is covered at all times.

How to prevent the spread of Ringworm:

- Practicing good hand hygiene skills.
- Keep lesion covered at all times.
- Do not share personal items such as brushes, combs, hats, hair ribbons, etc.

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