



Clarksville-Montgomery County School System
HEALTH SERVICES

GUIDELINES FOR DISMISSAL OR EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL

Signs/Symptoms	Exclusion	Readmission Criteria
Diarrhea– a condition of more frequent loose stools than usual	The student has other symptoms such as vomiting, fever, abdominal pain. The diarrhea cannot be contained to the toilet. Presence of blood or mucus.	Exclusion criteria are resolved. Exam on re-entry for temperature and hydration status.
Cough-dry or productive-sometimes barking	Rapid, forced or difficulty/change of breathing. Severe, uncontrolled cough. Cyanosis. Wheezing.	Exclusion criteria are resolved.
Fever-temperature of 100.5 orally or higher	Temperature of 100.5 or greater orally.	Children should be fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication.
Vomiting	Vomiting occurred more than one time. The vomit appears green or bloody. Associated with recent head injury. There are symptoms in addition to (such as fever, diarrhea, etc).	Exclusion criteria resolved.
Sore throat / Strep throat	Sore throat accompanied by other symptoms such as fever, enlarged lymph nodes, inflamed tonsils, etc.	Children may return 24 hours after antibiotic treatment, fever-free, with healthcare release.
Eye drainage / pink eye	Thick white, yellow to green drainage with reddened sclera or conjunctiva (usually bilateral)	Treatment for 24 hours with no obvious redness and drainage & /or a healthcare release.
Common cold	Exclude if fever or severe uncontrolled cough.	Exclusion criteria resolved.
Head/Body Lice	Live Lice or nits within ¼” scalp	After treatment or until exclusion criteria is resolved, with parent accompanying child to school for recheck.
Mononucleosis- viral infection caused by the epstein-barr virus.	Fever, enlarged tonsils with exudate, swollen lymph nodes	Return to school with physician treatment and fever– free for 24 hours. Monitor for 1-2 weeks for full recovery.
Meningitis– inflammation of the covering of the brain and spinal cord.	Fever, headache, stiff neck	Confirmed diagnosis required. Exclusion criteria is resolved and treatment by physician. Fever-free for 24 hours with healthcare release.
Chicken Pox (Varicella) or shingles	Blister-like rash more abundant on trunk than extremities with itching	May return when blisters scab over or return to school excuse by physician. No fever without the use of fever-reducing medication for 24 hours.



Impetigo-skin infection caused by streptococcus or staphylococcal bacteria	Small blisters that burst to reveal red skin. Usually on face, but can occur anywhere with itching.	May return after 24 hours of treatment with antibiotics and with healthcare release.
Ringworm of <u>scalp</u> -caused by fungus	Small red bump that spreads outward on a single area of the skin with itching.	May return to school after 24 hours of treatment and healthcare release.
Ringworm of <u>body</u> - caused by fungus	Small red bump that spreads outward on a single area of the skin with itching.	Antifungal cream application &/or healthcare release, with area covered by bandage prior to return.
Scarlet Fever	Small red bumps. Red turns white on pressure. Begins on neck and groin, spreads to rest of body	Exclude until 24 hours of treatment with antibiotics or healthcare release
Scabies	An infestation of the skin by the human itch mite. The microscopic scabies mite burrows into the upper layer of the skin where it lives and lays its eggs. Common symptoms of scabies are intense itching and a pimple-like skin rash. Usually spread by direct, prolonged, skin-to-skin contact.	Exclude until treatment and / or healthcare release
German Measles (Rubella)	Small pink spots. Usually begins on face, spreads to neck, trunk, and extremities. No itching.	Exclude for 7 days after rash onset or until healthcare release