WCPS Health Guidelines for Attendance

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|  | **Your Child should not be at school or in contact with other children when:** | **If your child feels well enough, he/she may attend school if:** |
| COVID | Fever, cough, headache, body ache, runny nose | Quarantined for 5 days from date of positive test and tests negative on day 6 **OR** quarantined for 10 days from date of positive test. Must be fever free WITHOUT fever reducing medication for over 24 hours. |
| Runny nose | Cloudy or yellow/green discharge with congestion | Clear drainage as with allergies |
| Cough | Frequent or uncontrollable,  producing mucus | Infrequent, no mucus is being coughed up |
| Vomiting or Diarrhea | If first occurrence is in the morning before school  Or  If more than one occurrence; allow 24 hours after last incident of vomiting or diarrhea before sending child back to school | Single incident of diarrhea or vomiting **and** no other symptoms (i.e., no fever, no vomiting with diarrhea) **unless** **FIRST Incident** is in the morning before school. |
| Strep Throat | Sore throat, headache, nausea, fever (children do not always have fever or complain of a sore throat.)  **The only way to rule out Strep is with a throat culture.** | After 24 hours on antibiotics and fever free WITHOUT fever reducing medication for 24 hours |
| “Pink eye”  (Conjunctivitis) | Eye is red, burning or itching, crusty, white or yellow drainage is occurring | Bacterial conjunctivitis: after 24 hours on antibiotics **and** no drainage.  Viral conjunctivitis: with a note from the Physician - stating no longer contagious |
| Rash | Any child with an unknown rash will be dismissed for medical evaluation | Rash free **or** with a note from the Physician - stating no longer contagious |
| Chicken Pox & Hand-Foot-Mouth | Itching pink/red spots with blister-type center, sometimes fever | Lesions crusted over and dry, no fever |
| Head lice | Nits or lice present | Lice & Nit free and Administration has checked and permits student’s attendance. |

If your child has been diagnosed with a contagious condition **you must inform the preschool as soon as possible.** Additional guidelines may apply as recommended by the Department of Health.

* If your child had a fever today, they must remain home tomorrow.
* If your child threw up today, they must remain home tomorrow.