

WCPS Health Guidelines for Attendance

	Your Child should <u>not</u> 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 <u>and</u> tests negative on day 6 OR quarantined for 10 days from date of positive test. Must be fever free <u>WITHOUT</u> fever reducing medication for over 24 hours.
Runny nose	Cloudy or yellow/green discharge with congestion	<u>Clear</u> 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) <u>unless</u> 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.	<u>After</u> 24 hours on antibiotics and fever free <u>WITHOUT</u> 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 – must have note from doctor with diagnoses of 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.
Fever	Any fever over 100.2 or lower fever with other symptoms of illness	No fever present for 24 hours, without the use of fever reducing medication.

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.**