

**GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Offices of Elementary and Secondary Education and Student Services

**STUDENT ILLNESS GUIDELINES**

Knowing when to keep your child home from school due to an illness or injury may be confusing. Therefore, Garden Grove Unified School District has provided the following guidelines which are based on the American Academy of Pediatrics Red Book and the Orange County Health Care Agency Communicable Disease Chart.

**A Child Should Not Attend School Under The Following Conditions**

- Temperature of 100 degrees or more
- Communicable disease
- Discharge of the eyes or ears, diarrhea, vomiting, or a persistent cough
- Rash, especially with fever or behavior change, until the physician/health department has determined that the illness is not communicable
- Mouth sores, associated with drooling, until the physician/health department has determined that the child is noninfectious
- Required number of days following diagnosis and treatment has not been met (see below)

**Students Under Physician's Care**

Students returning to school, following physician's care for an illness or injury, should provide a signed release from the physician stating any recommendations or limitations.

**A Child May Return to School Providing**

- Fever has returned to normal for 24 hours without the aid of fever reducing medication
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea has ceased
- Stage of contagion for a communicable disease has passed
- Required waiting period following diagnosis and treatment has passed

**Common Conditions and Procedures**

Please notify the school office if your child presents any of the below listed conditions.

- **Chicken Pox (Varicella)**
  - Child may return to school on the sixth day after the rash appears, or if all lesions are crusted over.
- **Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)**
  - **Bacterial** Child may return to school 24 hours after antimicrobial treatment if no discharge is present.
  - **Viral** Child may return to school when no further discharge is present.
  - **Allergic** No exclusion necessary.
- **Head Lice – Treated with Pediculicidal Treatment**
  - May return following treatment with over-the-counter lice shampoo.
  - Repeat shampoo treatment in 7-10 days.
- **Head Lice – Treated with Non-Pediculicidal Treatment**
  - Must be lice and nit free before being readmitted.
- **Impetigo**
  - May return to school 24 hours following first treatment with topical antibiotics.
  - Oral antibiotics may be needed if three or more lesions are present.
  - Lesions must be dry or covered.
- **Ringworm**
  - May return to school following first treatment. Lesions must be covered.
- **Strep Throat/Bacterial Respiratory Conditions**
  - May return to school 24 hours after the first dose of antibiotics, if no fever is present for 24 hours.

**Administration of Medication**

It is strongly recommended that medication be administered at home. However, if medication (prescription and non-prescription) must be administered during school hours, the Orange County Department of Education policy must be followed. An *Administration of Medication* form must be completed by the parent, signed by the physician, and submitted to the school office. Forms are available from the school office.