



## When to Keep Your Child Home

Dear parent or guardian: Keep your child home if they:

- Are too sick to participate in normal activities.
- Need a level of care or observation not manageable at school or childcare.
- Create an unhealthy or unsafe environment for others.

Some conditions require you to keep your child home. They include, but are not limited to:

<b>Chickenpox (varicella)</b>	Keep your child home until all blisters have scabs and no new blisters are forming.
<b>Diarrhea</b>	Keep your child home from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School until diarrhea can be contained and they can participate in normal activities.</li> <li>• Childcare until they have had less than 3 episodes of diarrhea in the last 24 hours.</li> </ul>
<b>Fever</b>	Keep your child home until their temperature is below 100.4°F and they don't have behavior changes, sore throat, rash, vomiting, diarrhea, earache, irritability or confusion.
<b>Flu (influenza)</b>	Keep your child home until they are fever-free for 24 hours
<b>Impetigo</b>	Keep your child home until they have taken antibiotics for 24 hours.
<b>MRSA</b>	Keep your child home until drainage can be contained with a dry, clean dressing.
<b>Measles</b>	Keep your child home until 5 days after rash appeared.
<b>Mumps</b>	Keep your child home until 5 days after swelling began.
<b>Ringworm</b>	Keep your child home until treatment is started.
<b>Scabies</b>	Keep your child home until treatment is completed.
<b>Scarlet fever</b>	Keep your child home until they have taken antibiotics for 24 hours and are fever-free.
<b>Shingles</b>	Keep your child home until rash can be covered or all lesions have crusted.
<b>Skin infection</b>	Keep your child home until drainage can be contained with a dry, clean dressing.
<b>Strep throat</b>	Keep your child home until they have taken antibiotics for 24 hours and are fever-free.
<b>Vomiting</b>	Keep your child home until they have not vomited for 24 hours and they can participate in normal activities.
<b>Whooping cough (pertussis)</b>	Keep your child home until they have taken antibiotics for 5 full days.
<b>Other contagious condition</b>	Check with your child's school, childcare or primary care provider or call the Health Department at (509) 249-6541.

The following conditions **don't** require you to keep your child home (unless they are too sick to participate in normal activities).

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| • Bronchitis            | • Fifth disease                 | • Pinworm                           |
| • Cold (without fever)  | • Hand, foot, and mouth disease | • Pneumonia                         |
| • Cytomegalovirus (CMV) | • Molluscum contagiosum         | • Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) |
| • Ear infection         | • Mononucleosis                 | • Warts                             |

The Health Department, primary care providers, schools or childcares may make exceptions to these exclusion requirements on a case-by-case basis.