

TROY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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WHEN TO KEEP CHILDREN HOME FROM SCHOOL

School is important for normal development. If your child is absent often, it may be harder to keep up with the class. It is important your child does not miss more school than necessary for illness per year. Ask your doctor if you are unsure about keeping child home or sending to school.

The following are guidelines for when you should keep your child home from school. You should call your family doctor if you have any questions/concerns about the health of your child.

- Fever over 100.5 degrees F
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye) or has green or yellow discharge from eye
- Shortness of breath or wheezing
- Head lice must be treated before returning to school
- Distracting pain from earache, headache, sore throat or cough
- Sharp abdominal pain for over an hour

If your child was diagnosed with a contagious illness:

- Children with contagious illness should stay home from school. A contagious illness is one that can be spread by close contact with a person or object. Examples of these are: chickenpox, influenza, colds, and strep throat.
- **Ask your doctor** if your child has been diagnosed with a contagious illness when they are safe to return to school. If the child has been gone for more than more than three days, please bring in a note from your doctor indicating that they are well enough to return.

