

Health Reasons to Keep Your Student Home

Fever: Temperature over 99.9° Fahrenheit. A fever is one of the ways the body fights infection. It is not always necessary to treat with medication, but it may help alleviate symptoms associated with fever.

- AISD Policy: Students with temperature greater than 99.9° Fahrenheit must be picked up from school. Students must be fever free without the use of fever reducing medication (Tylenol, Advil, Motrin) for 24 hours before returning to school.

Pink Eye/ Conjunctivitis: Symptoms may include redness to the white part of the eye, itchy eyes, yellow/ green discharge from the eye, lashes sticking together, swollen eyelids.

- If diagnosed with conjunctivitis, student must be cleared by a medical provider to return to school. Student and family should practice good hand hygiene to prevent spread to other family members or students.

Diarrhea: Frequent loose bowel movements (more than 2 episodes per day)

- Student must stay home until bowel movements are “normal” for 24 hours without the use of diarrhea suppressing medication OR student is cleared by a medical provider to return to school.
- Have student drink plenty of fluids and seek medical evaluation for persistent diarrhea

Vomiting: Student must be 24 hours from last episode of vomiting before returning to school.

- Have student drink plenty of fluids and seek medical evaluation for persistent vomiting.

Rash: Students with a skin rash should be seen by a medical provider to be diagnosed appropriately. If the skin condition is diagnosed as contagious, student must be cleared by a medical provider to return to school.

Sore Throat: A severe sore throat may be strep throat even if there is no fever. If a student is diagnosed with strep throat, they must be cleared by a medical provider to return to school.