

Illness or Injury Exclusion Criteria

Reasons for which a child will be sent home from school/School Age Child Care (SACC) or for a parent to keep the child home from school/SACC. Students with the following conditions will not be permitted to ride the school bus home. The student must be released to a parent/guardian or adult designee.

- I. Fever of 100.4° F and over – exclude until student has been fever-free without the use of fever reducing medication for at least 24 hours.
- II. Conjunctivitis (pink eye), strep infections, ringworm, and impetigo are all infections and must be treated with medication for a minimum of 24 hours before returning to school. Please do not allow affected students back before this time so that other students are not infected unnecessarily.
- III. Rash of unknown origin with fever and/or behavioral changes, until a primary care provider has determined that the illness is not a communicable disease.
- IV. Head injury.
- V. Severe coughing or difficulty breathing.
- VI. Colds – a child with thick or constant nasal discharge should remain home.
- VII. Diarrhea – sudden increase in frequency to more than three loose/watery stools per day. Exclude until student has been symptom free for at least 24 hours.
- VIII. Vomiting – unless the vomiting is determined to be caused by a diagnosed non-communicable/non-infectious condition (such as dysmenorrhea, dysphagia, etc.).
- IX. Abdominal pain that continues for more than two hours or intermittent abdominal pain associated with fever or other signs or symptoms.
- X. Stiff neck associated with fever and/or a recent injury.
- XI. Inadequate immunizations with known disease outbreak in school.
- XII. Refer to the Virginia Department of Health’s “Communicable Disease Reference Chart for School Personnel” for other exclusions/information.