

## Illness - When Should My Child Stay Home?

Dayton Public Schools “Be Present for a Better Future” campaign emphasizes the importance of attending school every day because school attendance is linked to learning. However, there are times when illness may require your child to stay home until he/she is no longer contagious to others and feels well enough to be at school and learn.

Below are some important guidelines that will help you determine when your child should stay home.

- ◆ Temperature above 100° by mouth until at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever or signs of a fever (chills, feeling very warm, flushed appearance, or sweating) without fever-reducing medication.
- ◆ Vomiting or diarrhea
- ◆ Severe coughing
- ◆ Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- ◆ Yellow or green drainage from eyes (may include redness)
- ◆ Open sores
- ◆ Rash
- ◆ Pain from sore throat, ear ache or recent injury

**The list above is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any symptoms that is severe or concerning.**

**Health, Education & Attendance for Life (H.E.A.L) Flyer** also shares helpful information on when to attend and not attend school based upon recommended guidelines from reliable sources including the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), American Academy of Pediatrics, and Public Health Association. Please check out this helpful H.E.A.L Flyer for parents located on our Health Services Website or ask your school nurse for a copy. Thank you!