



BEDFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**School Health Services**

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## **When to Keep Your Child Home from School:**

Dear Parents,

Please use the following guidelines to help stop the spread of illnesses in our school. Your children's health is foremost on our minds.

- **Please keep your child home from school if he/she has a fever** (often a temperature of 100.4 or higher signals an illness or contagion). Your child must be fever free for a full 24 hours before returning to school, *without* the use of a fever reducing medication, such as Tylenol, Motrin or Advil.
- **Please keep your child home if he/she vomited or had diarrhea the night before or the morning of school.** Please maintain the 24-hour rule; vomit free and/or diarrhea free; as well as being able to tolerate a regular diet for 24 hours before the child can return to school.
- **Please give your child a full 24 hours at home, once placed on antibiotics** for contagious diseases such as: strep throat, bronchitis, conjunctivitis (pink eye) and impetigo.
- **Please keep your child home if they exhibit flu-like symptoms. Contact your child's provider for:** fever accompanied with chills, cough, sore throat, runny nose, muscle pain, fatigue, persistent vomiting and diarrhea.

Additionally, please keep your child home if:

- His/her cough is not under control. (*Please note; cough drops, and over-the-counter cough medicine, require a doctor's note*).
- He/she has a rash accompanied by a fever or behavioral changes. It is recommended the child be seen by their pediatrician.

**Please remind your child of the importance of hand washing and cough etiquette when trying to prevent illnesses.**

Thank you for adhering to these guidelines and for helping maintain a healthy school environment for our children.

School Nurse