

Bethlehem Central School District

"Guidelines for Keeping Your Child Home from School"

Please keep your child home for the following reasons:

- **Fever of 100' or higher.**
 - Keep your child home until the fever is gone for 24 hours without medication.
- **Vomiting or diarrhea.**
 - Keep your child home until symptoms are gone for 24 hours.
- **Coughing excessively.**
 - A constant cough is uncomfortable for your child and it is also disruptive to the class. Your child may need to be evaluated by a medical provider.
- **Strep throat.**
 - Your child must be treated with antibiotics for 24 hours before returning to school.
- **Eye symptoms such as redness, discharge, itching, etc.**
 - Your child should be evaluated by a medical provider to rule out "pink eye". If it is a confirmed case of pink eye, keep your child home until s/he has been treated for 24 hours.
- **Unusual or draining rash, wound, or sore.**
 - Your child should be evaluated by a medical provider to rule out an infection.
- **Too tired or sleepy.**
 - If your child is too tired/sleepy from an illness to profit from sitting in class all day.
- **Any condition that you think may be serious or may be contagious to others.**

Keeping your child home when appropriate can help with your child's return to health and learning, and can help protect other students from a contagious illness.

Thank you for your help!