

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL

St. Ignatius of Loyola School follows the guidelines recommended by the Ohio Department of Health. Please follow the recommendations below to determine if your child should remain home from school.

FEVER

If your child has a fever (a temperature of 100.0 F or greater) they should remain at home until they have been fever-free for a full 24 hours (without acetaminophen or ibuprofen) and they have returned to their normal level of activity. It is important for you to take your child's temperature before giving the fever-reducing medication.

VOMITING or DIARRHEA

Your child should remain at home until they have been without any episodes of vomiting or diarrhea for a full 24 hours and have resumed a typical diet. If your child has had any of these symptoms during the night, she/he should not be sent to school the following day.

COLD SYMPTOMS

Runny noses are a fact of life with children. However, if the drainage is thick and green or if your child has a persistent or productive cough, please have your child stay home and consider consulting your child's doctor. A constant dry cough can be a sign of more serious respiratory problems and the doctor should be notified.

REDNESS or DISCHARGE IN THE EYES

Redness of the white part of the eye, burning or itching, yellow or white matter or crusted eyelashes can indicate pink eye or conjunctivitis. Your child should remain at home until she/he has seen the doctor and, if prescribed, used antibiotic eye drops for 24 hours.

SORE THROAT

If your child has a persistent or severe sore throat they should remain at home. You should consider contacting your child's doctor if there is a fever, white patches on the tonsils, swollen tender glands, headache or stomach ache. These could indicate a possible strep infection. If that is the case, your child should remain at home until they have had 24 hours of antibiotics and have resumed normal activity.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The school may send a student home if it appears that they may have a contagious illness. The parent may be asked to provide a doctor's note indicating the symptoms have been evaluated before the student is allowed to return to school. The Ohio Department of Health Communicable Disease Chart serves as the guideline for determining the recommendations for the student.

For any questions regarding whether you should send your child to school, please contact the school nurse, Kathy Reder, RN, BSN, at (513) 389-3242 or kreder@saintschool.org.