

Millville Public Schools – School Exclusion List

A Quick Reference Guide for Parents

- Please keep your child home from school if he or she has one of the conditions or illnesses listed below.
- Report your child's absence to their school and consult your healthcare provider.
- Conditions marked with (*)require a medical note to return to school. Student must feel well enough to participate in his/her school day.

Conjunctivitis (Pink-eye) – Purulent*

Children who have pink or red conjunctivae with white or yellow discharge, often with matted eyelids after sleep and eye pain or redness of the eyelids or skin surrounding the eye; may have purulent conjunctivitis. The student must be excluded from school while symptomatic and until examined by a healthcare provider and approved for return to school.

Conjunctivitis (Pink-eye) – Non-purulent

Pink conjunctivae with a clear, watery eye discharge without fever, eye pain or eyelid redness. **No exclusion from school.**

E.coli 0157*

Student may experience nausea, vomiting, bloody diarrhea and abdominal cramps. Student should be excluded from school until symptom-free for 24 hours. Pre-school: Student may return to school when symptom free and after 2 negative stool samples.

Fifth Disease (Erythema infectiosum)

Mild flu-like symptoms, followed by a rash, characterized by "slapped face" appearance. **Student not excluded from school unless there is a fever.**

Head Lice

Refer for treatment at the end of the school day. Re-admission to school following treatment.

Hepatitis A*

Students are excluded from school until one week after the onset of jaundice or illness and fever free.

Influenza – Like illness

Fever, cough and/or sore throat (in absence of a known cause) are excluded until fever free for 24 hours.

Measles*

Fever, reddened eyes, runny nose, cough. Dusky red rash on day 3 or 4. Excluded from school until 4 days after onset of rash.

Meningitis – Bacterial*

High fever, headache and stiff neck. Excluded until adequately treated, 24 hours after initiation of antibiotic therapy and fever free.

Meningitis – Viral*

High fever, headache and stiff neck. Excluded from school until fever free for 24 hours.

Mononucleosis

Fever, sore throat, swollen lymph nodes. Excluded until fever free for 24 hours. **Must have a medical note to resume physical activities.**

Mumps*

Fever with swelling and tenderness of one or both parotid glands located below and in front of ears. Excluded from school for five days after onset of parotid swelling.

Norovirus

Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal cramps. May also have low grade fever, chills, body aches, headache. Excluded from school until 24-48 hours after symptoms resolve

Pertussis*

Violent cough with high pitched inspiratory whoop. Student is excluded until 5 days after appropriate antibiotic therapy. Untreated students may not return to school until 21 days after onset of cough.

Rubella (German Measles)*

Slight fever, rash of variable character lasting about 3 days; enlarged lymph nodes in the head/neck. Joint pain may be present. Student excluded from school until 6 days after onset of rash.

Scabies*

Itchy raised areas around finger webs, wrists, elbows, armpits, beltline, and/or genitalia. Extensive scratching. Student will be referred for treatment at the end of the school day and excluded until appropriately treated.

Staphylococcal or streptococcal skin infections (includes MRSA & Impetigo)(*)

Appear as honey crusted draining lesions or skin lesions with a reddened base. If lesion cannot be covered, student is excluded until he/she has received 48 hours of anti-microbial treatments, lesions are showing signs of healing (decreasing in size), and drainage has stopped. Lesions that can be covered, exclude from contact sports only.

Streptococcal pharyngitis (strep throat)(*)

Student may return to school 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment if there is no fever.

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Tinea Capitis (Ringworm of the scalp)(*)

Recognized by hair loss in the area of the lesion. Student receiving treatment – no exclusion from school. Un-treated-exclude only if nature of contact with other students would potentiate spread.

Tinea Corporis (Ringworm of the body)

Identified as a circular lesion; itching is common. Lesion must be covered in school. No exclusion unless the lesion cannot be covered.

Tuberculosis(*)

Characterized by cough, chest pain, fever, night sweats, fatigue and weight loss. Student is excluded until the local health department and treating physician confirm that the student is no longer contagious.

Varicella (Chickenpox)(*)

Student is excluded from school until all lesions are dried and crusted; usually 6 days from onset of rash.

Varicella Herpes Zoster (Shingles)

Students are excluded until all lesions are dried and crusted unless they can be covered.

Exclusion Criteria Based Upon Signs and Symptoms:

Fever: Exclude if oral/temporal temperature is 101 degrees or above, if axillary/tympanic temperature is greater than 100 or upon the recommendation of the local health department.

Vomiting: Exclude if vomiting 2 or more times in a 24 hour period. Exclude for the following day unless vomiting is known to be caused by a condition that is not contagious.

Diarrhea: Exclude if 2 or more loose stools in 24 hour period. Return to school when 24 hours pass without diarrheal stool.

Localized skin infection: Exclude from contact sports. Exclude from school ONLY if the lesion cannot be covered until medical clearance is provided.

Generalized rash of unknown origin: Exclude until rash is resolved or medical clearance is provided.

Additionally, you may be asked to pick your child up from school if he/she is unable to participate in school activities due to illness without symptoms identified above.

The best protection from illness is

PREVENTION:



Immunizations must be administered on time.



Cover all coughs and sneezes.



Wash hands frequently with soap and water.

Feel free to contact your child's School Nurse for additional information.

Reference:

New Jersey Department of Health Communicable Disease Service