

TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL CRITERIA

2023-2024

Academic success is best achieved when a child is present for instruction, so of course we want them in attendance when possible. Any of the following means your child should be absent from on campus instruction and may need further evaluation or a doctor's visit:

FEVER / CHILLS -- a temperature greater than or equal to 100.4 F or 38 C is an indication that your child may have an infection. We realize fever is a generalized immune response caused by a variety of infectious agents. However, based on current guidance from the CDC, Georgia DPH & DOE in light of COVID-19, a child with fever will not be allowed on campus / at school, should go home, avoid contact with others, and the family should contact the child's healthcare provider for further evaluation and instructions. Your child should be fever free **without** fever reducing medications for at least **24 hours** prior to returning to school. For the safety, health & wellbeing of students and staff -- **PLEASE DO NOT GIVE FEVER REDUCING MEDICATION PRIOR TO SENDING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL**. If fever is discovered on campus you will be notified to come get the child immediately with the recommendation to consult your child's pediatrician.

VOMITING OR DIARRHEA -- if your child has an episode of either or both, they should not return on campus until they are symptom free for **24-48 hours**. Remember to keep them well hydrated during their illness.

FLU -- if your child tests positive for the flu they should remain out according to doctor's orders. PLEASE do not send them to school while they are contagious, they should be fever free without medicating for **24 hours** prior to returning. We will offer flu vaccines on campus through the Greene County Health Department this fall.

LICE -- if present the child should be kept at home and treated at least once and all live lice removed. Nits should be removed to the best of your ability. You should check your child daily for 14 days to be sure no lice have hatched. Your routine prevention should include head

checks each weekend. Also, be sure to tell your child not to share combs, brushes, hats, scarves or other clothing.

PINK EYE / DRAINING RASHES -- are highly contagious and can be caused by viral or bacterial infections. Please have these assessed so your child can receive the appropriate medications. If an antibiotic is prescribed they should receive at least 2 doses prior to returning to school and be fever free for 24 hours.

CONSTANT OR WORSENING PAIN -- Please see a doctor if your child has constant or worsening pain anywhere (ear, stomach, head, etc...).

COVID -19 SPECIFIC GUIDANCE

- **STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK** or have symptoms after a known exposure to someone with COVID-19, if exposed and asymptomatic please come on campus.
- **Practice Respiratory Etiquette** including face coverings, covering a cough or sneeze and disposing of tissues after use.
- **Practice Hand Hygiene** in accordance with CDC guidance to wash hands frequently using soap and water, scrubbing all surfaces from wrist to fingertips thoroughly for at least 20 seconds. Hand sanitizers may be used if wash facilities are unavailable.
- **Practice Social Distancing** by maintaining six (6) feet of spacing from others.

**Specific protocols are in place to minimize the risk of exposure to our students and staff.

Parents are asked to talk to their child about social distancing and face coverings; assess their child for symptoms prior to sending them to school and keep them at home if symptomatic; develop a plan to pick up your child if they become ill and be sure your emergency contact information provided to the school is up to date.