



Dear Parents:

We are asking for your continued cooperation in helping us control the spread of communicable diseases. Our goal is to make our schools a healthy, safe place for both students and staff. We will call you promptly if your child becomes sick during school hours. If your child does need to go home due to illness, he/she needs to be picked up as quickly as possible after receiving our call. Our school health offices are not equipped or staffed to handle ill children for long periods of time. Please inform us immediately if phone numbers or other information on your child's emergency card changes. The information is vital for the safety and well-being of your child.

We understand that mild illness is common among children and does not usually constitute a reason for excluding them from their usual school activities. However, children with the following illnesses or symptoms may pose a risk to their classmates and teachers and should not be sent to school. Children with the following symptoms will be sent home from school:

- Temperature of 100 degrees F or above
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Pain which does not subside after 15 minutes of rest
- Illness that prevents the child from participating comfortably in program activities that are not excused by a doctor
- Flu symptoms accompanied by a fever
- Rash with fever or behavior change, until a physician determines the illness not to be contagious
- Pink eye (conjunctivitis) or red eye with discharge until examined by a physician and approved for readmission following treatment
- Any communicable disease

As a reminder, the Public Health Department guidelines and the Newhall School District Policy state that students may not return to school until they are fever-free for 24 hours without the help of fever-reducing medication.

In addition, please notify the school promptly if your child has an illness that required treatment by a physician that can be spread to other students. Please feel free to call the District Nurses if you have any questions or need to communicate any information about your child.

Thank you for your cooperation as we maintain a healthy school environment.

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