



Signs of Illness

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The health and safety of students is a primary concern of parents and school staff alike. In order to protect the health of all students it is important that your student be kept home from school when he or she is ill. Many of our students are susceptible to infections and diseases such as colds and flu which are easily passed. If your student becomes ill or injured at school, you will be notified by the school office. In reviewing these guidelines, please note that we have added additional information that pertains to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

FEVER:

If your student has a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher please keep him/her home from school. Once your student has been fever free (without fever reducing medication such as Tylenol or Motrin), for 24 hours, he/she may return to school.

VOMITING OR DIARRHEA:

If your student is having frequent loose stools or is vomiting please keep him/her home from school until he/she is symptom free for 24 hours.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF AN UPPER RESPIRATORY INFECTION:

If your student is having persistent cough, with a fever or a sore throat, please keep him/her home until the symptoms subside.

SKIN RASHES:

If your student has an unusual or new skin rash you may be asked to keep them home from school until the rash is gone or until you have physician clearance that the rash is not contagious. You may be asked to provide a written note from your doctor.

SEIZURE:

If your student has recently had any unusual or prolonged seizure activity, please notify the school.

COMMUNICABLE ILLNESSES:

Please keep your student home from school AND notify the school if your student has been diagnosed with any communicable disease. Schools are required to report all cases of communicable diseases to the Public Health Department. Examples include; strep throat, scarlet fever, hepatitis, mumps, rubella, measles, meningitis, scabies, pink eye and chicken pox. You may be asked to provide a written note from your doctor.

- Specific guidelines regarding COVID-19 will be provided.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR ARE UNCERTAIN AS TO WHETHER TO SEND YOUR STUDENT TO SCHOOL, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL NURSE OR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR AT YOUR STUDENT'S SCHOOL.

Thank you,
MISD School Nurses

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