

ST. VRAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM



**GUIDELINES FOR KEEPING YOUR STUDENT HOME**

The beginning of any infectious illness is usually the time it is most likely to spread to others. This is also the time your student is probably feeling unable to participate in class. In order to keep everyone healthy, we ask that you observe the following guidelines and keep your student home if she/he exhibits any of the following:

- **Fever, vomiting, or diarrhea:** Your student should remain home for **24 hours** after symptoms end.
- **Colds/respiratory viruses:** Keep your student home at the beginning of a cold. This is also the time when one is most infectious and least likely to feel well enough to participate in class. When she/he feels better and no longer has a persistent cough, it is permissible to return to school.
- **Strep Throat:** Your student may return to school after taking the antibiotic for **24 hours**, feeling better, and being free of symptoms.
- **Chicken Pox:** Your student should stay home until there are no new lesions and all existing lesions have scabbed over.
- **Pink eye:** Any eye infection must be treated by a physician before the student returns to school. If antibiotic therapy is prescribed, the student must remain home for **at least 24 hours after treatment has begun, and must be free of eye drainage.**
- **Open sores on skin:** All skin lesions must be covered by a bandage or clothing during the school day. This may include impetigo, ring worm, scabies, and other fungal, bacterial or viral skin infections.
- **Generalized skin rash:** Any student with an undiagnosed skin rash must be seen by a physician for diagnosis and/or treatment before returning to school with a note from the health care provider.
- **Head lice:** Your student may return to school only after treatment with lice shampoo.

*A student will be sent home from school if she/he has any of the above conditions and/or has a temperature of 100.1 degrees F. or more.*