

Indiana Department of Education

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How Sick is Too Sick?

This information sheet is designed to be used as general guidance. If you have a medical question, please consult your physician.

Symptom	Send to School	Keep at Home
	During the past 24 hours, the student's	During the past 24 hours, the student's
Fever	temperature has been below 100 degrees and	temperature has been more than 100
	no fever reducing medication has been taken.	degrees.
	During the past 24 hours, no more than one	During the past 24 hours, more than one
Diarrhea	watery stool has occurred.	watery stool has occurred.
	During the past 24 hours, no vomiting has	During the past 24 hours, vomiting has
Vomiting	occurred.	occurred.
	Eyes may be itchy, but are not red, crusty, or	Eyes are pink, draining, crusty, itching,
Eyes	draining.	painful, sensitive to light, or student has
		vision changes.
	Slight cough or runny nose, but no fever, and	Symptoms are severe enough that the
Cough/Runny Nose	the student is able to cover cough, blow nose,	student is unable to learn. The student
	and wash hands.	has a fever, or is unable to cover cough,
		blow nose, or wash hands.
	Rash is not draining or spreading. The student	Rash is bothersome and distracting. The
Rash	does not have a fever, and symptoms of itching	student has a fever or severe itching, or
	are not severe enough to impede learning.	rash is spreading or draining.
	Symptoms are well controlled and the student	Symptoms are not well controlled. The
Asthma	knows when to contact a school adult for	student is not able to recognize when
	assistance or the student has an asthma action	he/she needs assistance, and no asthma
	plan on file at the school and is following the	action plan is on file at the school.
	plan.	

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