

HADLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' HEALTH POLICY

Child with non-emergency illness:

Children should only be in school when they can fully participate in their educational program. Therefore, children with the following should stay at home and/or will be referred home by the school nurse:

1. If a child has a fever over 100 degrees, **parents must keep the child home until the temperature has remained normal for 24 hours without the aid of medication.**
2. A child with a persistent cough, excessive discharge from the nose or eyes, a sore throat, an earache, a severe headache and/or general malaise or fever **should stay home until the condition subsides.**
3. If a child vomits or has diarrhea, **parents must keep the child home for 24 hours after the condition ends.**
4. If a child has impetigo, **the child must stay home until all lesions have crusted and the school nurse must check the child before returning to the classroom.**
5. If a child has head lice, **the child must stay home until treatment has been complete and all nits have been removed. The school nurse must check the child before returning to the classroom.**
6. If a child has an undiagnosed rash, please **consult a doctor before sending the child to school. The child will need to bring a note from a doctor in order to reenter school.**
7. If a child has conjunctivitis, **the child must stay home for 24 hours after taking the first dose of medication.**
8. If a child goes to the doctor for a strep test, **the child must stay home while waiting for the results of the test. If a child has strep throat, the child must stay home for 24 hours after taking the first dose of medication.**
9. All communicable (contagious) diseases (chickenpox, scabies,) **must be reported to the school nurse**, who will, if the disease is reportable, report it to the local Board of Health. **Any child who has had a communicable disease must report to the school nurse before returning to the classroom.**

By following the above policy, we hope to provide a healthy environment for everyone in the school community. If your child has a specific chronic condition the school will make every effort possible to work with you and your child. Please feel free to contact the school nurse and/or administration.