



## CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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*A Ministry of Concordia Lutheran Church*

### Student Illness Policy

Deciding when to keep your child home from school can be difficult. The intention of this policy is to provide a healthy and safe environment for our students. Some illnesses and situations require a child to be absent from school to prevent the spread of infection to other children and to allow the child time to rest, recover and be treated for the illness. In order to help keep our children healthy, Concordia Lutheran Elementary School requires adherence to the guidelines of this policy.

There are several reasons to keep (exclude) sick children from school:

- The child does not feel well enough to participate comfortably in usual activities, such as with extreme signs of tiredness or fatigue, unexplained irritability or persistent crying.
- The child requires more care than the school staff is able to provide without affecting the health and safety of the other children.
- The illness is on the list of symptoms or illness for which exclusion is recommended.
- The child is not vaccinated due to medical or religious reasons and there is an outbreak in the school.

Children will not be allowed to attend school or school related activities if they have anything contagious such as, but not limited to the following:

- **FEVER:** May return when fever free (99.9 degrees or below) for 24 hours, without medication (examples: fever reducer, ibuprofen, tylenol). This means that if your child was sent home from school the day before with a fever, they need to wait **at least** 24 hours before they will be admitted back to school.
- **DIARRHEA / VOMITING:** May return when symptom free for 24 hours
- **STREP THROAT:** May return after 24 hours of antibiotic treatment and no fever for 24 hours
- **CONJUNCTIVITIS (pink eye):** May return 24 hours after treatment begins and eyes are free of discharge
- **HEAD LICE:** May return after treatment and removal of all live lice and nits from hair
- **RINGWORM:** May return after treatment begins; area should be covered while in school for first 48 hours of treatment
- **IMPETIGO / STAPH / MRSA:** May return 24 hours after treatment starts; wound must be covered with dressing taped on all 4 sides
- **COMMUNICABLE DISEASES** (such as, but not limited to - influenza, chickenpox, measles, mumps, pertussis, meningitis, mononucleosis): May return when cleared by their medical provider

If a student arrives at school with [symptoms](#), or during the school day begins to show symptoms indicative of a condition listed above, a parent/guardian will be contacted and asked to pick the child up as soon as possible.

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