



# Parkview School District Protocols: When to Keep Your Child Home from School

Attending school is crucial to your student's success. We encourage students to be at school as much as possible to perform to their best abilities. This strong focus on school attendance may have some asking, "When is my student sick enough to stay home from school?"

This is not always an easy question to answer! We hope that these guidelines can help!

**TO HELP REDUCE THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS TO STUDENTS AND STAFF, PLEASE MONITOR YOUR CHILD FOR SYMPTOMS DAILY AND KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:**

When Your Child Should Stay Home	The Student May Return After...
Fever: (100.4 Degrees +)	Fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen before returning to school.
Nausea / Vomiting / Diarrhea	Has not vomited for 24 hours, is diarrhea-free for 24 hours without the use of medication, and is back on a regular diet.
Persistent Cough / Congestion / Runny Nose	Cough/congestion and runny nose should not be regular or persistent or disruptive to your student's learning or that of their classmates. When your student returns to school with a slight cough/congestion wearing a mask is recommended.
Multiple Symptoms	If your child is experiencing multiple symptoms including any from the list above and/or sore throat, fatigue, muscle/body aches, headache, shortness of breath; please contact your school before sending your child to school to determine when they should return.
Rash	Consult with your child's healthcare provider regarding a rash of unknown cause. Your child will need clearance from their healthcare provider before coming back to school.
Positive COVID-19 Test	It is recommended, but not required, that your child isolate at home for 5 days and wear a mask when around others for 5 days upon return to school. Minimally, your child should not return if they still have symptoms, symptoms are not resolving, or they have not been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.
Communicable Illness	If your child has symptoms of a communicable illness please contact your healthcare provider. If your child has been diagnosed with a communicable disease requiring antibiotics (such as strep infection or pink eye) they need to be excluded from school until they have been treated with the antibiotic for 24 hours and they are feeling better. Please contact the school to determine if the student should attend school.
At the discretion of a medical professional or school official	If a medical professional, school nurse, health aide or administrator has concerns with your student attending school for other reasons you should discuss your child's condition with the school to determine when they should return to school.

If your child is ill, we recommend you contact your child's physician and follow through on recommendations for getting tested for COVID-19 or other communicable illness.

If your child attends school and is sent home from school they should not return the following day unless their symptoms align with the chart above. It is very important that if you are calling your child in absent due to illness that you list the symptoms that your child is experiencing. This allows for the monitoring of illnesses in our schools. When the student returns to school, wearing a mask while symptoms are resolving is recommended. Please emphasize to your children effective ways to stay healthy, which include: frequent hand washing or use of a hand sanitizer, coughing/sneezing into their upper arm or shoulder, keeping their hands away from their face, staying away from individuals who are sick, staying current on vaccinations such as Influenza and COVID-19, wearing a mask when ill to help protect others, and protecting their immune system by eating properly and getting enough sleep. WI State law limits the number of days a student can be absent before being considered truant. Absences related to illness, accompanied by a note from a doctor, are not included with absences that count towards truancy, so whenever possible seek a note from a doctor when your child is home with an illness.

**Thank you for your assistance in keeping our schools a safe, healthy, and enriching environment in which to learn.**