

JEFFERSONVILLE COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

Illness Policy

Is my child too sick or contagious to be brought in to school? This is the question you must ask yourself whenever your child shows signs or symptoms of illness, is not eating or sleeping well, and is demanding some special TLC.

Like you, we want to assure that your child has every opportunity to build up their immune system and grow strong and healthy. In order to protect your child, as well as the other children, we have set up these guidelines on illnesses to help you answer these important questions. Our policies have been developed through recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the most recent literature on childhood illnesses.

If, at any time, we feel that your child is sick, potentially contagious, or unable to participate at school, you will be called. We expect you, or someone you designate, to pick your child up immediately. It is to your advantage to establish a back-up person or persons whom you can depend on in this instance. Remember, we have to think of the safety and welfare of all the children attending school.

Keep your child at home if he/she has:

Your child will be sent home if he/she has:

1. A temperature of 101 degrees or more (excluding immunization shot reaction). Must be fever free for 24 hours in order to return to school.
2. Diarrhea (watery or uncontrolled bowel movements that cannot be contained by the child's diaper or use of the toilet). Must be symptom free for 24 hours in order to return to school.
3. Bronchitis (may return when a physician says your child is ready).
4. Severe cold with fever, sneezing, and nose drainage.
5. Vomiting. Must be symptom free for 24 hours in order to return to school.
6. Rashes that cannot be identified or have not been diagnosed.
7. Impetigo of the skin (can return 24 hours after treatment has begun).
8. Contagious diseases such as:
 - a. Measles
 - b. Chicken Pox
 - c. Mumps
 - d. Rubella
 - e. Whooping Cough
 - f. Scarlet Fever
 - g. Giardia (Infectious diarrhea)
 - h. Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)
 - i. Hand-Foot-Mouth Disease

The American Academy of Pediatrics has established the following time limits for exclusion from the school for the above-mentioned diseases. JCDS follows these same time limits.

Measles – Six (6) days from the onset of rash.

Chicken Pox – Six (6) days from the last blisters have scabbed over.

Mumps – Nine (9) days from the onset.

Rubella – Seven (7) days from the onset of rash.

Whooping Cough – After the first five (5) days of taking antibiotics.

Scarlet Fever – 24 hours after an antibiotic treatment has begun.

Giardia – 48 hours from the institution of the appropriate therapy.

Conjunctivitis – 24 hours from the institution of the appropriate therapy.

Hand-Foot-Mouth Disease – When all sores have healed or drooling stops.

9. If a doctor diagnoses an ear or throat infection, and places your child on an antibiotic, your child should not return to school **until he/she has had the medication in their system for at least 24 hours.**
10. **Head Lice** – JCDS has a **zero tolerance** policy regarding head lice. If your child is found to have head lice, he/she will need to be picked up from school immediately. Your child will need to receive a treatment with a pesticide that is effective in controlling lice transmission. After being treated, your child can return to school **only if he/she is 100% nit-free (no nits at all).** This is our **zero tolerance** policy.

Please call the school if your child will not be at school due to illness, or for any other reason. We try very hard to minimize infections and to control the spread of any disease. By helping us observe these regulations and notifying us when your child is sick, you will be helping protect your child and the other children in the school.

Thank you for your cooperation.