



## School District of Manatee County

### School Health Services

#### Guidelines for Sending Students Home Who Are Ill/Injured

The School Board generally follows the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Health Department. When parents are notified that their child is too ill to remain in school, the students should be picked up within 30 minutes. School Clinics do not have the staff and/or space to care for students for an extended period of time.

##### Criteria to Send Students Home:

- 1) Temperature greater than or equal to 100 degrees F. Students should not return to school until they have been fever free for 24 hours – without fever reducing medications.
- 2) Signs/symptoms of conjunctivitis (pink eye)
- 3) Rash of unknown origin (with fever; or a suspicious, worsening rash)
- 4) Vomiting and/or diarrhea
- 5) Draining wound that is not under medical care and/or in which the drainage cannot be contained in the dressing
- 6) Specific communicable diseases – as recommended by the CDC or Health Department
- 7) Live lice
- 8) An injury requiring medical attention
- 9) Ingestion of toxic or unknown substance
- 10) A student who does not feel well enough to participate comfortably in usual activities
- 11) A student who requires more care than school personnel can provide
- 12) A student who has emotional/behavioral changes, persistent crying, difficulty breathing, lack of energy, uncontrolled coughing, or other signs suggesting a severe illness

*Reference: Emergency Guidelines for Schools, 2011, Florida Edition*

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