



**NURSING SERVICES  
EXCLUSION & RETURNING POLICY FOR STUDENTS WITH ILLNESSES**

Appendix E

SHOULD BE AT HOME IF...	MAY RETURN TO SCHOOL IF...
1) Oral temperature of 99.6 <sup>0</sup> F or above with headache, sore throat, nausea, coughing/sneezing or other symptoms.	1) Free of fever for 24 hours without medication.
2) Oral temperature of 100.4 <sup>0</sup> F or above will be sent home even when there are no other symptoms.	2) Free of fever for 24 hours without medication.
3) Severe cough where student gets red or blue in the face or makes high-pitched “croupy” or “whooping” sounds after coughing.	3) Symptom free or physician’s written approval to return to school.
4) Diarrhea, maximum of two watery stools in a four-hour period.	4) Free of diarrhea for 24 hours.
5) Vomiting.	5) Free of upset stomach & vomiting for 24 hours
6) CONJUNCTIVITIS, BACTERIAL (Pink-eye). Inflammation of the conjunctiva of one or both eyes, swelling of the eyelids, and a purulent discharge.	6) Excluded from school until 24 hours <b>AFTER</b> antibiotic treatment has been initiated.
7) Strep throat.	7) Excluded from school until 24 hours <b>AFTER</b> antibiotic treatment has been initiated.
8) Infected areas of the skin with crust, yellow, dry area or rash, e.g. impetigo, ringworm, etc.	8) Return to school 24 hours <b>AFTER</b> antibiotic treatment has been initiated.
9) Severe itching of the body or scalp or constant scratching of the scalp, e.g. head lice or scabies.	9) After treatment, including free of live lice.
10) Fainting or seizures (other than pre-existing conditions) or general signs of listlessness, weakness, drowsiness, flushed face, headache, or stiff neck.	10) Symptom free or physician’s written approval to return to school.

Parent/Guardians are requested to report the physician’s diagnosis to the school. As required by law, nursing services will report communicable diseases to the Georgia Department of Health.

\* The nurse can only excuse a student the day he/she is sent home from the school clinic. All other days must have a letter of excuse for a proper excused absence.

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