



## 2025-26 School Year Communicable Disease Policy

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CTC understands that it is difficult for a parent/guardian to leave or miss work. However, if a child exhibits any signs of illness, he/she should not attend school. If symptoms occur at school or if your child is deemed unable to participate in our program's activities, your child will wait in the Health Office and you will be called to take him/her home in order to prevent any spread of illness and to ensure the comfort of your child. **The child's parent/guardian, or a designee assigned by the parent/guardian, is required to pick the child up from school within the hour of being called.** Please be aware that we are unable to keep sick children in the Health Office until the end of the day as this impacts health services to other students. No therapy educational services will be provided while awaiting pick up.

Examples of illness include but are not limited to:

- Fever
- Persistent cough
- Severe pain or discomfort
- Respiratory compromise
- Fatigue or abnormal sleeping pattern
- Decreased appetite/refusing to eat/drink
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Runny nose that is excessive and/or discolored mucus
- Apparent sore throat
- Eyes with discharge
- Skin rashes

Students must have improving symptoms and diarrhea/vomiting /fever free for 24 hours without the use of over the counter cold medications/fever reducing medications and be able to fully participate in all activities before returning to school. If your child was prescribed antibiotics or eye drops, they must have completed a full 24 hour dosing of the medication before returning to school. When determining the return to school date, a full school day, not clock hours, will determine the date of return . A CTC staff nurse can provide individualized guidance regarding eligibility to return to school in these circumstances.

If your child is diagnosed with an illness, please report it to the Campus Health Office.

Please note Medical Clearance is required after:

- 5 days of absence due to illness, surgery & medical procedures
- Hospitalizations
- Emergency Room evaluations
- At the request of the school nurse

Medical clearance is required even if the medical event occurred on a weekend or school vacation. The clearance is required to specify that the student is able to return to school and is able to participate in all activities. Restrictions, if any, need to be specified. Please use the CTC Academy's Medical Clearance Form that can be downloaded from the CTC Academy Website under the Parent Section Health Office Information and Forms section or obtained from the Campus Health Office.

Readmission of the student is at the discretion of the School Nurse.