

Riceville Community School District
STUDENT HEALTH and ILLNESS PROTOCOLS

For students to optimally participate in their educational program, they need to be at their highest level of wellness. Students need to be protected from communicable illness while attending school. When a student appears ill, they will be monitored for fever, appetite, stools, and other signs of illness. Upon any sign of illness, the parent/guardian will be notified concerning the illness, the need for medical care, and the need to remove the student temporarily from the school. By adhering to this policy we can help protect students from unnecessary exposure to communicable diseases. The ill student must be picked up within 30 minutes of the first call. **If Covid-19 is suspected or verified, a student must have a Return To School form signed by the health care provider before reentering.**

GUIDELINES: The following conditions should be given serious consideration. Any child with these conditions should not be sent to school, and will be sent home if these occur at school:

Fever: Equal to or greater than 100.4° F. The student must be fever free (without use of fever reducing medications) for **24 hours** before returning to school. If they return before the 24 hour time frame is completed, a parent/guardian will be called and expected to pick up their child immediately.

Diarrhea/Vomiting: any student who experiences these symptoms (more than infant “spitting up”, other explainable causes). Students may return to school **24 hours** after their **LAST** bout of diarrhea/vomiting. If they return before the 24 hour time frame is completed, a parent/guardian will be called and expected to pick up their child immediately.

Sore Throat/Cold Symptoms: Professional discretion will be used to evaluate any student with nasal discharge or cough. Medical care is recommended for a student complaining of a sore throat.

Pink Eye, Conjunctivitis: any student with redness, burning, watering, or discharge about the eyes. Medical care is recommended.

Skin Rash: any student with multiple lesioned rash accompanied by fever; any student with a skin rash or lesions typical of a communicable illness (scabies, chicken pox, measles, impetigo, ringworm, scarlatina).

Communicable Illness: If your child becomes ill with a communicable disease on a day when school is not in session, please inform school personnel (voice mail or email). Parent letters will be used as needed throughout the school year. For the student to re-enter school, approval from the school nurse or a physician note stating the child is well enough to attend school.

Other communicable illnesses that will need a health care provider’s note to return to school: worms, MRSA, etc.

Any student who appears ill or complains of not feeling well while at school will be evaluated for symptoms by the school nurse, if available, or other school personnel to determine if a child should remain at school. The parent or emergency designated person will be notified that a child needs to leave school due to illness. Please respond to this request promptly to ensure minimal exposure of other students. It is expected the ill student shall be picked up from school within 30 minutes of the first phone call to parents/guardians.

