



Health Services Department
Illness Parent Letter

Date: _____

Dear Parent or Guardian:

If your child gets sick, it is usually appropriate to keep him/her home from school until symptoms have improved. A sick child will not be able to perform well in school and is likely to spread the illness to others. To protect the safety of students and staff, the Alachua County Public Schools exclusion guidelines recommend sending any student home or denying entry for certain symptom/s.

Today your child presented to the school clinic with the following symptom/s:

- Cold symptoms: A very runny nose or bad cough that keeps child awake at night.
- Multiple episodes of diarrhea in the past 24 hours.
- Excessive cough that disrupts classroom learning.
- Fever in the past 24 hours: 100.4° F (38° C) or greater with thermometer. Student must be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication to return to school.
- Flu like symptoms: Headache, fever, sore throat, runny and stuffy nose, cough, feeling bad. Student must be fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication to return to school.
- Pinkeye symptoms: Please take student to a health care provider for evaluation. If diagnosed, student must be on antibiotic eye drops for 24 hours to return to school.
- Rash. For all unidentified rashes/skin conditions student will be excluded until diagnosis. Student must have a note from a health care provider to return to school.
- Strep Throat symptoms: Please take student to a health care provider for evaluation. If diagnosed, student must have been taking an antibiotic for at least 24 hours to return to school.
- Multiple episodes of vomiting in the past 24 hours.
- Other: _____

Your cooperation on this issue is appreciated. For any questions or concerns, please contact your School Nurse:

School Nurse

Phone