



Lynchburg City Schools Student Illness Guidelines

Lynchburg City Schools believes that education is key to the success of our students. We also understand that education and health go hand in hand. It is our goal to keep LCS students, families and staff as healthy as possible in order to foster a conducive learning environment for all.

Lynchburg City Schools understands, and can empathize, with the stressors of balancing work and life as it relates to caring for your children. **To help clarify any questions or misunderstanding, this document will serve as a directive and guideline to assist parents and LCS staff in knowing when to keep a child at home and/or when to send him/her back to school.**

Lice - If your student is found to have lice, he/she must receive treatment before returning to school. **Upon returning to school, the school nurse MUST CHECK and CONFIRM that the student's scalp/hair is cleared of ALL nits.** LCS has a NO NIT policy. (Please see **Policy Manual JCH-RZ**)

Strep Throat - If your student has been **diagnosed** with strep throat, he/she should not return to school until **24 hours after antibiotics** have been started.

Vomiting/Diarrhea - If your student has been vomiting, or having diarrhea, please make sure he/she stays at home until vomiting and/or diarrhea has stopped for **24 hours**.

Fever - If your student has a fever of 100.0 or greater, please keep him/her at home until fever free for **24 hours, without the use of fever reducing medications.**

Pink Eye - If your student has bacterial conjunctivitis, or "pink eye," he/she should stay at home for **24 hours** after receiving his/her first dose of antibiotic eye drops or ointment.

Chickenpox - Chickenpox lesions must be dried and crusted over before a student may return to school. The **School Nurse will need to evaluate the student in the clinic to be cleared for reentry.**

Ringworm - If your student has signs/symptoms of ringworm, please follow up with your healthcare provider for appropriate treatment. Infected areas should be covered completely with dry gauze and secured with tape on all sides or **completely covered.**

Hand Foot and Mouth Disease - Students are most contagious the first week of infection. Please follow up with your healthcare provider. The student should not return until he/she is deemed no longer contagious by a healthcare provider.