

EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL – PHYSICIAN NOTES

In accordance with NH RSA 200:39: “Whenever any student exhibits symptoms of contagion or is a hazard to himself or others, he shall be excluded from the classroom and his parents or guardians shall be notified as soon as possible.” The list of reportable diseases as well as information on the appropriate actions to take for specific diseases may be found on the Department of Health and Human Services website. It is the school nurse’s role to keep the school community healthy and safe.

At the discretion of the school nurse, symptoms such as (but not limited to) the following list, will indicate a need for the student to be dismissed from school or remain at home until symptoms resolve:

- Fever >101 and/or fever within previous 24 hours;
- Diarrhea/vomiting, with mild dehydration and/or symptoms within the previous 24 hours; presence of blood or mucus in stools;
- Wheezing not responsive to medication;
- Symptoms of upper respiratory tract infection;
- Undiagnosed rash, especially if accompanied by fever or behavior change, until determined by a health care provider that it is not communicable;
- Purulent Conjunctivitis until 24 hours after effective treatment by a health care provider has been initiated;
- Persistent abdominal pain (>2 hrs) or intermittent abdominal pain associated with fever, dehydration or other systemic signs or symptoms.
- Mouth sores associated with drooling, unless the student’s health care provider or local health department authority states that the student is noninfectious
- The following known infectious diseases until the time of infection has passed as determined by the standard of care: Strep throat, Impetigo, E. Coli, Shigella infection, Salmonella, Tuberculosis, Varicella, Rubella, Pertussis, Mumps, Measles, Hepatitis A
- Scabies until after treatment has been completed;
- Suspected substance ingestion;
- Suspected communicable disease until diagnosed by a physician;
- Or any illness that prevents the student from participating comfortably in school activities or which results in a greater need for care than the school staff can provide without compromising the health and safety of others.

The following injuries will indicate a need for dismissal:

- Anaphylactic reaction requiring the use of an Epi-pen (requires immediate transport to the emergency room);
- Eye injuries;
- Serious burns;
- Laceration that may require sutures;
- Loss of consciousness;
- Possible fractures;
- Seizures, at the nurse's discretion or in accordance with the health plan;
- Any other serious injury requiring a physician's evaluation;

Referral to emergency services will be at the discretion of the school nurse based on presenting symptoms and good practice. The building administration will be notified immediately upon any referral to emergency services.

For non-emergency illness or injury, the student will remain in the Health Office until such time that a parent, guardian or other designee is able to dismiss the student.

In the event of a contagious illness, serious illness, serious injury, and/or prolonged absence from school, the school nurse may require a physician's note of diagnosis and indication that the student is well enough to return to school and clearance to participate in Physical Education class.

For the purpose of this policy, if a student is dismissed from school as provided for herein, the student is also prohibited from attending or participating in any extra-curricular activities, athletic programs, games, practices, or other school-sponsored events without prior written authorization of the building administration in consultation with the school nurse.

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