

Twin Ridges Elementary School District

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COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL PARENT REMINDER

In order to control the spread of communicable diseases, any child with one or more of the following symptoms must be kept at home until they are completely well.

- 1. Oral temperature at or above 100° F.
- 2. Rectal temperature at or above 101° F.
- 3. Axillary temperature at or above 99.6° F.
- 4. Questionable skin lesions: oozing, purulent, crusty, itching, blistery, inflamed, bleeding or rashes.
- 5. Variations in child's normal behavior: e.g., unusually fussy, irritable, lethargic.
- 6. Symptoms of abdominal discomfort: e.g., vomiting, diarrhea, pain, distention, excessive gas.
- 7. Upper respiratory symptoms: e.g., coughing, difficulty with breathing, nasal discharge, sore throat.
- 8. The child is suspected or known to have an infectious condition with high communicability potential; staph, ringworm, herpes simplex type 1 (cold sore/fever blisters), chickenpox, "pink-eye", impetigo, scabies, lice, etc.
- 9. Student is known to have an infectious disease (e.g., AIDS, etc.) with low or questionable communicability in which medical clearance for school attendance has not been received and evaluated. For this situation a review committee will make the decision regarding exclusion, consistent with the U.S. Center of Disease Control and not contrary to State Department of Health guidelines.

A credentialed school nurse, if available, will examine any child suspected of having a communicable disease and will make the decision regarding exclusion. When a school nurse is not available for direct examination or consultation with staff, trained office personnel or administrator shall make the decision regarding exclusion.

When informed that a student may have a communicable disease, it is the parent or guardian's responsibility to make arrangements to have the student picked up from school as quickly as possible.

This policy has been adopted for the safety and well being of the child, his/her classmates and all school staff members.

The student can be readmitted to school either with a doctor's note or when he/she is well.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our schools a healthy place to be!