

## **Guidelines for When to Keep Your Child Home from School**

The protocol for management of communicable disease in Avon Lake City Schools is based upon the Ohio Department of Health's guidelines and recommendations.

### **Your child is too ill to go to school if he or she has any of the following symptoms:**

- Temperature above 100 F by mouth (\* see below)
- Vomiting or diarrhea within the past 24 hours (\* see below)
- Shortness of breath or has increase in wheezing during normal activity
- Has a cough that interrupts normal activity, pain from an earache, headache, sore throat or recent injury.
- Has yellow or green drainage from nose or eye(s)
- Eggs (nits) or head lice – until cleared by nursing staff (see school nurse for lice policy)
- Rash over body or localized to one area of the body, indicating a potential communicable disease (\* see below)
- Fatigue and needs bed rest (common with flu-like symptoms)
- Signs of conjunctivitis such as red, crusty or swollen eyes (\* see below)

\*Students who are sent home with a fever 100 degrees or higher must remain at home until the student is fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication. In most cases this means that students will miss the following school day. Please understand that fevers can reoccur within a 24 hour time period and this policy is in the best interest for all students.

\*Students who are sent home due to vomiting or diarrhea must also stay home for 24 hours to ensure that these symptoms are gone before returning to school.

\*Students exhibiting signs of conjunctivitis (crusty eyes, red or swollen eyes) may return once the symptoms have been treated and are gone or a note is presented from a doctor stating that the student may return to school.

\*Students who show signs of a communicable disease exhibiting as a rash may return to school once the rash is gone or a note is presented from a doctor stating that the student may return to school.

### **Remember**

Attendance is important for your child to be successful in school. If your child's absence requires a doctor's visit, please turn in the medical excuse to your child's school upon returning.