



## WEST WINDSOR-PLAINSBORO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ILLNESS EXCLUSION POLICIES

**Below is a list of commonly seen illnesses and the exclusion time from school established by the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District Board of Education. The exclusion policies are an effort to control the spread of communicable diseases in the classroom.**

### **FEVER**

A student with a temperature of **100 degrees** or more is excluded from school for the entire following day and also has to be **fever-free without medication for 24 hours the following day** in order to return to school.

### **COUGH**

Students who are coughing continuously should remain home if the cough is such that it interferes with their ability or the ability of others to concentrate on school work.

### **PERTUSIS/WHOOPING COUGH**

Students diagnosed with pertussis (sputum or blood culture) must be on antibiotic therapy and out of school for 5 days and will need a doctor's note upon returning to school. Please report this to your school nurse after the diagnosis is made.

### **PINK EYE**

Students need to be on antibiotic therapy for 24 hours and have no purulent discharge from the eye. *(Please report any cases of pink eye to the Health Office so that classmates and staff can be alerted.)*

### **RINGWORM**

Students with ringworm may be sent to school only if the lesion is covered and verification of anti-fungal treatment is given. *(Please report any cases of ringworm to the Health Office so classmates and staff can be alerted.)*

### **STREP THROAT/Impetigo** *(streptococcal infections)*

Students need to be on antibiotic therapy and fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school. *(Please report any cases of strep throat or impetigo to the Health Office so classmates and staff can be alerted.)*

**VOMITING**

Any student who vomits will be excluded from school and must remain home the entire day after the day vomiting was reported and also is able to tolerate normal meals.

**THESE POLICIES ARE AN EFFORT TO CONTROL THE SPREAD OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE IN THE CLASSROOM. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL CINDY JENKINS, DISTRICT COORDINATOR OF HEALTH SERVICES, AT 716-5000, EXTENSION 5543.**

**CONTACTING PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

Please make sure the school nurses have accurate telephone numbers where you can be reached during the school day in the event of an illness or an emergency. Having work numbers will allow the school nurse access to individuals to whom they can speak. In the case of a seriously ill or injured child, the uncertainty and timeliness of voice mail and or e-mail is not helpful.

**Cindy Jenkins, RN, MAT, CSN District  
Coordinator of Health Services**