



Great Hearts Louisiana, Inc.

ILLNESS POLICY

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Our Governing Board of Directors for Great Hearts Louisiana, Inc. has developed and adopted the following policy to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of students who require medications during the school day. Great Hearts Louisiana, Inc. and its school will follow Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and American Academy of Pediatric guidelines.

This policy will be reviewed and revised annually as necessary.

Reasons for Exclusion from School:

1. Vomiting/Diarrhea- Persons must be free from vomiting for 24 hours before returning to school.
2. Purulent Nasal Discharge-Green or yellow nasal discharge for more than three days. Do not report to school but contact your primary care provider.
3. Persistent cough- Cough lasting more than 2-3 days and is associated with fever and any breathing difficulty. Do not report to school. Contact a medical provider for a visit as soon as possible.
4. Asthma like symptoms- wheezing, shortness of breath, inability, or difficulty to catch one's breath. MEDICAL EMERGENCY. Seek Medical attention at nearest emergency department.
5. Rashes-Any rash that is draining or causing a persistent itch, accompanied with fever, sore throat, or vomiting may not attend school. Contact your primary care provider for additional evaluation and treatment.
6. Pink eye-Any redness and swelling of the lower eyelids or whites of the eyes with excessive tearing or watery discharge, crust on inner corners of eyes especially upon waking in the morning from sleep. Do not report to school. Contact a medical provider for treatment.
Note: Red itchy watery eyes are usually due to allergies and is not considered contagious
7. Fever-Students/faculty with oral temperature above 100 degrees Fahrenheit should remain out of school until they are 24 hours fever free without the use of fever reducing medications. This means that if one is sent home with a fever then one must remain home the following day.

8. Pediculosis (Head Lice)-Head Lice will be assessed by the nurse and or trained staff member and it will be handled on a case-by-case basis. The school nurse will decide what measures need to be taken on an individual basis. School exclusion may be deemed necessary.
9. Ringworm- Contagious fungal skin infection that appears flat and usually in a ring shape. Can be spread by touching affected areas on skin then touching other persons or objects. Students will be sent home with a note at the end of the school day and have a Band-Aid applied to affected area if possible. Ringworm must be covered during the school day and should be treated with antifungal medications. Referral to a medical provider may be required depending on severity.
10. Scabies- A highly contagious skin disease caused by a mite too small to see with the naked eye. The most common symptom is a rash that itches at night. Spread from person to person by close physical contact. Students will be sent home with an information sheet and may not return to school until treated by a medical provider. Prescription medication is required to treat this condition and must have taken prescription medication for 24-48hours to return to school.
11. Staph/Strep Skin Infections (Boils, any red, swollen lesions with or without drainage, and impetigo)-Highly contagious skin infections that can spread to various parts of the body and other susceptible people. Students will be sent home and may not return without receiving treatment from a medical provider. Must be taking prescribed medication for at least 24 hours prior to return to school with affected areas covered.
12. Diagnosed strep throat, mononucleosis, chicken pox, and any other contagious illness- Remain home as advised by medical provider and until 24 hours fever free without the use of fever reducing medications.

Please note: The above guidelines should be followed in the event of a student/ faculty illness. A medical provider note stating that one is safe to attend school and be in the company of others overrides all of the above recommendations.