Dear Parent or Guardian:

Please **keep your child home from school** and call the attendance office if he or she has one of the symptoms listed below. Exclusion from attending school is necessary when your child is either too ill to participate in normal activities, the condition or illness creates an unsafe or unhealthy environment for others, or when the illness requires a level of care or observation that cannot be managed at school.

Because people can remain contagious even after they feel better, it is recommended that individuals take extra precautions during the first 5 days of returning to normal activities after COVID-19, flu, RSV, or other respiratory viruses. Students can consider [wearing a mask](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNkYy5nb3YvcmVzcGlyYXRvcnktdmlydXNlcy9wcmV2ZW50aW9uL21hc2tzLmh0bWwiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwMzE4LjkxOTczODIxIn0.waDSNglcLj_daX9SYdXwyNwJvi5lnXEypf-IKozVeqc%2Fs%2F1824071178%2Fbr%2F239021069746-l&data=05%7C02%7Csearnhardt%40auburn.wednet.edu%7C05d7ad8f793141e183cb08dc4764e4b6%7C403a0f537a364eaaaec11fb4a260bfe2%7C1%7C1%7C638463745958358970%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=9ueMJWuGX0%2Fs8dQ6n9%2FxDsMdDMPrSeLDFr%2BNQltwpgQ%3D&reserved=0), frequent [hand washing](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNkYy5nb3YvaGFuZHdhc2hpbmcvd2hlbi1ob3ctaGFuZHdhc2hpbmcuaHRtbCIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyNDAzMTguOTE5NzM4MjEifQ.H5uIA4GX3Mc38Eg5MFEyN5JgarTqOZ6yz5_HG90pV24%2Fs%2F1824071178%2Fbr%2F239021069746-l&data=05%7C02%7Csearnhardt%40auburn.wednet.edu%7C05d7ad8f793141e183cb08dc4764e4b6%7C403a0f537a364eaaaec11fb4a260bfe2%7C1%7C1%7C638463745958374414%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=9qL5umJHbtWLLI3ioUwY9jnskY4nKW8Gsm5mcMi8Soc%3D&reserved=0), and [physical distancing](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDYsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNkYy5nb3YvcmVzcGlyYXRvcnktdmlydXNlcy9wcmV2ZW50aW9uL3BoeXNpY2FsLWRpc3RhbmNpbmcuaHRtbCIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyNDAzMTguOTE5NzM4MjEifQ.Ar8CHXa3h7YlfGq9Yxp0aox5FUI1_4K9fHEkQfgwqwY%2Fs%2F1824071178%2Fbr%2F239021069746-l&data=05%7C02%7Csearnhardt%40auburn.wednet.edu%7C05d7ad8f793141e183cb08dc4764e4b6%7C403a0f537a364eaaaec11fb4a260bfe2%7C1%7C1%7C638463745958387771%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=TpWnIeVe3C0FzrfIAOfOWzzSUUGhN%2FZUQBIsVgigIQc%3D&reserved=0) when possible, as extra precautions.

**Symptoms requiring exclusion:**

| **Fever** | Keep home if they have a fever over 100.4º F until fever-free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication and symptoms have significantly improved. |
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| **Rash/Skin infection** | Keep home for any unknown rash until diagnosed and cleared by a doctor to return or the rash has fully resolved. Keep home if the area is open or draining and can not be covered by a bandage or dressing. |
| **Diarrhea, Vomiting** | Keep home until the child’s vomiting and/or diarrhea has resolved and they are able to eat without symptoms returning and other symptoms have significantly resolved if present. |
| **Eye red with discharge/Eye infection** | Keep home until cleared by a doctor to return to school or until the child has been on antibiotics for 24 hours and symptoms are improving. |
| **New Onset Cough/Sore Throat/ Runny nose &/or Covid Negative** | Keep home if your student has a fever, is unable to fully participate in normal activities, or is unable to swallow. They may return when significantly improved and fever free without medicine for 24 hours. |
| **Suspected or Positive COVID-19** | Testing is recommended but not required. Keep home until symptoms are getting better overall AND the student does not have a fever over 100.4º F or higher for 24 hours without fever reducing medication. |
| **Lice/Nits** | May return after treatment for live lice and all live lice have been removed. |

Symptoms follow the OSPI infectious disease guide: [Microsoft Word - Infectious Disease Control Guide3-11-04pdf.doc (www.k12.wa.us)](https://www.k12.wa.us/sites/default/files/public/healthservices/pubdocs/infectiousdiseasecontrolguide.pdf)