

WILLISTON-ELKO SCHOOL DISTRICT #29 ILLNESS PROTOCOL

To prevent the spread of disease and contagious conditions in the school, Williston District #29 has established the following "Illness Protocol".

- **FEVER:** Students and faculty with a temperature of 100.0 F or higher are required to stay home from school. Students and staff may not return to school until the fever has been gone for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.
- **STOMACH VIRUS:** Students and faculty may not participate in school or school activities if they are experiencing vomiting and/or diarrhea. (Unless the condition is related to Irritable Bowel Syndrome, Crohn's Disease, etc **OR** a medical evaluation indicates that inclusion is acceptable).
- **CONJUNCTIVITIS (Pink Eye):** Students and faculty with pinkeye will be excluded from school *if they also have fever, severe eye pain, or are too sick to participate.*
- **HEADLICE:** When a student is determined to have head lice, the parent will be contacted to pick up the student from school. The student may not return to school until he/she is treated with a special shampoo made to kill head lice. The label from the pediculicide must be provided to the Nurse. Nits (lice eggs) should be removed from the hair to prevent a reoccurrence of the lice. The Nurse will re-check the child's hair prior to readmission to school.
- **INFLUENZA LIKE ILLNESS:** Students and staff with Influenza/Influenza-like illness or ILI will be excluded until at least 24 hours after they are fever free without the use of fever-reducing medications. ILI is defined as an oral temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or more with a cough/and or sore throat for which there is no known cause besides the flu or an influenza like illness.
- **RINGWORM:** Children with ringworm of the scalp must remain out of school until they have begun treatment with a prescription oral antifungal medication. Your child may return with a medical note.
 - Children with ringworm of the body may return with a parent note once they have begun oral or topical antifungal treatment, if the affected area can be completely covered by clothing. Children with ringworm should not participate in close contact PE or sports activities.
- **SCABIES:** Scabies is very contagious and needs a prescription medicine to clear it up. You must take your child to a doctor or nurse practitioner as soon as possible. Students may not come to school or participate in school activities until medically cleared by their Physician.
- **MONONUCLEOSIS:** Students must be excluded from school until cleared for re-admission by a health care professional.
- **SKIN LESIONS & INFECTIONS:** Students will be excluded if skin lesions are draining and cannot be covered, or if the covering cannot be maintained because drainage comes through the covering to contaminate other surfaces.
 - **Impetigo:** Students will be excluded from school until 24 hours after antibiotic treatment has been initiated. Lesions on exposed skin should be covered with a watertight dressing.
 - **Sports:** Children with lesions on uncovered skin, or with lesions that are covered but draining or oozing, may not participate in close contact sports or other athletic activities. The sanctioning athletic body may impose additional restrictions for physical education and sports activities for students with skin lesions.
- **STREPTOCOCCAL PHARYNGITIS (Strep Throat):** Students and staff will not be allowed to return to school until fever-free and at least 24 hours after treatment has been initiated.

*****Remind your child to wash his/her hands after toileting and before eating. Encourage him/her to cough and sneeze into a tissue. The best way to prevent the spread of disease and illness is thorough hand-washing. Use a hand sanitizing product if soap and water are not available.*****

For a complete listing of conditions that are listed on the SC DHEC "School Exclusion List" visit http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/docs/School_Exclusion_List.pdf or contact your School Nurse.