

# Student Illness Guidelines

As we enter the winter cold and flu season, we would like to remind you of the health safety guidelines listed in the Holy Cross Family Handbook. We ask that you follow these guidelines as you evaluate whether or not to send your child to school when he/she has a health issue. Our goal, as always, is to provide the safest possible environment for student learning.

Parents should notify the school office of any health problems concerning their child. If the child has a contagious condition such as chicken pox, strep throat, etc., the principal will notify the parents of his/her homeroom classmates.

No child should be sent to school with a fever. If the child has been sick, he/she should not return to school until they have been free of fever for 24 hours.

A child with diarrhea should be kept home.

If vomiting occurs, keep the child at home until he/she can eat and keep food down.

If your child develops a body rash or skin lesions, a doctor should diagnose the problem. Please inform the school of the doctor's recommendations. There may be times when a note from the doctor is required.

If your child has strep throat, scarlet fever, conjunctivitis, pinworms, ringworm or impetigo, the child needs to be on prescription medicine from your doctor for 24 hours before returning to school.

If your child has head lice, the child may not return to school until appropriate treatment has been obtained and all the nits (eggs) are removed. If nits are visible in the hair, the child will be sent home. Manual removal of all lice and nits is often the best option to assure total lice treatment of the hair.

If your child has to stay home from school for any medical reason, please notify the school office between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m.