

**GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXCLUSIONS OF STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL FOR ILLNESS**

The following is adapted from the 2018 Red Book Online, American Academy of Pediatrics, Point of Care Solutions. These recommendations are to be used by the school nurse for guidance when determining whether to exclude a student from school for an illness.

Students need not be excluded from school except for the following illnesses:

<b>SYMPTOMS</b>	<b>MANAGEMENT</b>
Illness preventing participation in activities, as determined by child care staff	Exclusion until illness resolves and able to participate in activities
Illness that requires a need for care that is greater than staff can provide without compromising health and safety of others	Exclusion or placement in care environment where appropriate care can be provided, without compromising care of others
Severe illness suggested by fever with behavior changes, lethargy, irritability, persistent crying, difficulty breathing, progressive rash with above symptoms	Medical evaluation and exclusion until symptoms have resolved
Persistent abdominal pain (2 hours or more) or intermittent abdominal pain associated with fever, dehydration, or other systemic signs and symptoms	Medical evaluation and exclusion until symptoms have resolved
Vomiting 2 or more times in preceding 24 hours	Exclusion until symptoms have resolved, unless vomiting is determined to be caused by a noncommunicable condition and child is able to remain hydrated and participate in activities
Diarrhea if stool not contained in diaper or if fecal accidents occur in a child who is normally continent, if stool frequency exceeds 2 stools above normal for that child, or stools contain blood or mucus	Medical evaluation for stools with blood or 1 mucus; exclusion until stools are contained in the diaper or when toilet-trained children no longer have accidents using the toilet and when stool frequency becomes no more than 2 stools above that child's normal frequency for the time the child is in the program, even if the stools remain loose
Oral lesions	Exclusion if unable to contain drool or if unable to participate because of other symptoms or until child or staff member is considered to be noninfectious (lesions smaller or resolved)
Skin lesions	Exclusion if lesions are weeping and cannot be covered with a waterproof dressing