

Dear Unity School Parents,

We would greatly appreciate your cooperation in maintaining a healthy environment for your children. In order to do this, please review our 2022-2023 Health Policy.

If your child exhibits any illness-related symptoms at home, please notify the school nurse by email. If your child has any illness-related symptoms at school they will be evaluated by the nurse and a parent will be called for immediate pick up from school.

General symptoms for when to keep your child home:

1. **Flu-Like Symptoms**

- Fever  $\geq$  100 F
- Vomiting
- Nausea
- Diarrhea
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Persistent cough
- Congestion
- Aches
- Chills
- Rash
- General malaise

2. **Persistent cough, diarrhea, vomiting** - if your child exhibits these symptoms, whether fever is present or not, he/she should be kept at home for 48 hours.
3. **Fever** - if your child has had a fever greater than 100 degrees fahrenheit, he/she must stay home. Your child must be without fever for a minimum of 48 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications, before returning to school. Parents please do NOT medicate a student with a fever and then send him/her to school.
4. **For Preschool Students** - In addition to the aforementioned symptoms, preschool students that present with blisters or ulcerations in the mouth, on hands, feet or the body should be kept at home. Preschool students with persistent nasal drainage should also be kept at home.

If your child is prescribed antibiotics, **treatment must be initiated for 24 hours** before returning to school. In some cases, a doctor's note will be required to return to school.

Please keep your child at home when exhibiting any of the above mentioned symptoms and please report any symptoms to the school nurse. This will help us to maintain the healthiest environment for all of our children, parents, teachers and staff.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in maintaining Unity School's Health Policy.

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