



THE CAMPHILL SCHOOL
Medical Office

ACUTE ILLNESS POLICY

Staying home when appropriate

Students and coworkers need to stay home for at least one day after one or more symptoms of an acute, possibly infectious illness have started. These include, but are not limited to:

- Fever (temperature greater than 100°F)
- New symptoms of possibly infectious illness like cough, vomiting, diarrhea, headaches, body aches, pink eye, sore throat, nasal congestion etc.
- Live lice
- Rash of unknown origin, ringworm
- Appearing physically unwell

Students and coworkers will be sent home/will return home if one or more of the symptoms above newly present at school.

When to contact medical staff

Medical staff needs to be contacted if symptoms (fever, cough, headaches, appearing unwell etc.) are severe, quickly worsening, or not improving after 48 hours, or if there are other concerns. If in doubt, contact medical staff.

911 should be called if the situation of the ill person requires it (including but not limited to trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, bluish lips or face; also situations like epi-pen use, first seizure, concern for significant injury of head/spine/internal organs etc.). If in doubt, call.

Return to school

The following criteria need to be met prior to return to school:

- Fever-free without using fever-reducing medication for at least 24 hours
- No vomiting or significant diarrhea without using anti-nausea or anti-diarrhea medication for at least 24 hours
- Symptoms are improving
- Lice: Lice treatment completed
- Ringworm: Under treatment and covered with a band aid or the like
- Physically well (appetite back to normal, energy level back to normal etc.)
- If applicable: Cleared to return by Chester County Health Department or physician/appropriately licensed health care practitioner

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