

## TEC POLICY ON STUDENT ILLNESS 2021/2022

### What is the Purpose of the TEC Policy on Student Illness?

The purpose of this policy is to enable all TEC Students, many of whom are medically fragile with multiple medical conditions, to attend school on a regular basis by providing a healthy and safe environment.

To best serve your student in the classroom, we need to be alerted to any changes in medication, or any changes in your student's medical status. **Please call or write the teacher and nurse leader concerning any changes in your student's condition. We also request that any information following a specialist appointment be shared with the teacher and nurse leader either by email, a note, or a telephone call.**

### When Will Parents Be Notified of Their Student's Condition?

- A. Student appears ill and in the opinion of the student's teacher or nurse, the student requires further evaluation by the parent or physician.
- B. Student will be dismissed from school after consultation with the parent and /or nurse determines the student too ill to benefit from being in school.
- C. Any injury requiring additional treatment outside of school.

### When Are Students Required to Be Sent Home or Stay Home From School?

- A. Fever (temperature of 100 degrees F or more in the past 24 hours)
- B. Vomiting 2 or more times in the past 24 hours
- C. Diarrhea in the past 24 hours
- D. Strep Throat (must have been taking an antibiotic for at least 24 hours before returning to school).
- E. Head Lice - until they have been treated according to the nurse or doctor's instructions.

Chicken Pox (varicella)	Exclude student a minimum of 7 days after the appearance of first eruption or until all lesions are dry and crusted.
Measles	Exclude student a minimum of 4 days after the appearance of rash or until well.
Mumps	Exclude student for 9 days after onset of swelling.
Whooping Cough (Pertussis)	Student must stay home 21 days from typical "whoop." Returns with a note from the doctor. Other students may attend school if they have been immunized.
HIB Disease	May return after 4 days of treatment
Strep Throat	Exclude student a minimum of 24 hours / 3 doses after institution of antibiotic therapy.
Ring Worm	May return to school after treatment with anti-fungal cream has begun- lesions should be covered.
Rash	At the nurses' discretion, may request note from physician prior to return.
Lice	Student must be excluded from school until treated.
Impetigo	Student may attend school 24 hours after initiation of antibiotic therapy.
German Measles (Rubella)	Exclude a minimum of 7 days or until well with a note from the doctor.
Conjunctivitis(Pink Eye)	Exclude student a minimum of 24 hours on antibiotics, with no evident discharge or a note from the doctor stating that the student is not infectious.
Influenza	Exclude from school for a minimum of three days and until symptoms subside – <b>It is recommended that students seek medical advice regarding a Flu Shot.</b>
Other reportable diseases	Excluded from school according to Department of Public Health Guidelines

**--Please see other side for more details--**

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Guidelines to help parents decide if your student should stay home from school include:

- Will his/her illness prevent him/her from participating fully in classroom activities?
- What is the status of his/her alertness, appetite, and general mood? Is he/she congested or does he/she have lots of secretions?
- Is he/she contagious? Would I want my student exposed to someone else with the same symptoms?
- Is this the beginning of an illness or is he/she recovering?
- Is resting at home for a day the best therapy?

Your observations are the best rule of thumb. You know your student better than anyone else.

### **When Should My Student Return to School?**

**A doctor's note is requested for any student returning from school after any surgery, hospitalization, lengthy illness, or any illness requiring medical attention.** Notes may be also requested if the staff need reassurance of the student's ability to participate in school activities. Please ask your student's doctor to include any specific instructions and any restrictions on activity. If the condition requires temporary administration of medication during school hours, please request your student's doctor to fill out a **Medication Order Form**.

If you have any questions regarding these policies or any other questions regarding your student's health, please call the contact listed below:

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