



Morris Plains School District

Illness/Medication Procedures

If your child is diagnosed with strep throat, he/she may return to school after 48 hours on medication, provided that the child is feeling well and has been fever free for 24-hours.

This 24-hour fever free rule applies to any febrile illness. Fever free is a temperature below 99 degrees Fahrenheit, without the use of a fever lowering medication like Tylenol or Motrin.

If your child has a stomach virus/vomiting/diarrhea, please keep him/her home until there have been no symptoms for 24-hours and the child has a normal appetite.

If your child is diagnosed with bacterial conjunctivitis (pink eye) he/she needs to be medicated with antibiotic eye drops for 24-hours prior to returning to school.

If your child needs throat lozenges, please send a supply in to the health office with a note giving your permission for your child to use them and the reason (allergies, sore throat, cough, etc.). Students are not permitted to carry lozenges during the school day. The health office will no longer supply throat lozenges.

If your child has been seen by your primary doctor for any illness, please provide a note indicating the period of illness, the diagnosis, and when the child may return to school. This is especially important to prevent the spread of disease such as Strep Throat and Flu. Please be advised that the above guidelines for a child to return to school have been established by our school physician and will be followed without exception.

For any illness requiring the administration of medication, including over-the-counter remedies during the school day, a written order by the primary physician must be supplied to the school nurse.

Following these procedures will help prevent the recovering child from contracting another illness, as well as to protect the healthy children and staff.

Should you have any questions, or concerns, do not hesitate to contact your school nurse. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

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