

# Hastings Public Schools

Hillside and Farragut Complex Health Offices



## Protocol for Student Illness

Usually the best place for your child is in school, but there are times when keeping them home to rest or arranging for an appointment with your healthcare provider is recommended. If your child becomes ill while at school, arrangements will need to be made to have your child picked up. The following checklist was formulated in collaboration with the District Medical Director.

### **Please keep your child home and/or contact your child's doctor for:**

- Fever greater than 100.3 within the last 24 hours \*
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea within the last 24 hours \*
- Strep Throat or Scarlet Fever (until treated with antibiotics for 12 hours and fever free)
- Excessive cough, nasal congestion and/or runny nose that will interfere with the learning process
- Drainage from the ear
- Severe headache that is accompanied by cough, congestion or runny nose
- Weeping skin lesions that cannot be covered

If your child has a fever, it is not a good idea to administer fever-reducing medication such as Tylenol or Advil and send them to school. This is a temporary solution. The fever may return and you will be called to come and pick up your child. **\*DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL FOR A 24 HOUR PERIOD IF THEY HAVE HAD A FEVER, VOMITING OR DIARRHEA, OR HAVE BEEN SENT HOME FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE WITH THESE SYMPTOMS.**

Continue to test for COVID if your child experiences any symptoms prior to coming to school. Home antigen COVID tests can be obtained from the Health Office.

Remind children to wash hands often with soap and water, throw away used tissues, cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze, and keep their hands away from their face. These measures will help keep everyone healthier.

**THE REGISTERED NURSE DETERMINES IF IT IS IN THE CHILD'S BEST INTEREST TO GO HOME. The parent/guardian will need to make arrangements for pick up. REMINDER: Emergency contact information must be current in the parent portal and the individual listed must be available to pick up the child.**

Please call the Health Office with any concerns or questions.  
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