



MINOCQUA J1 SCHOOL DISTRICT

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School Illness Guidelines

Minocqua J1 School district encourages regular school attendance for all students. Unnecessary absences can have a negative effect on school performance and academic success. Unfortunately there are times when students may need to stay home when they are sick. Here are some guidelines to use when determining whether or not your child should stay home in order to prevent the spread of illnesses at school.

Any child with the following symptoms should stay home:

- Temperature (Fever) equal to or higher than 100.4 degrees. A child should not come back to school **until the temperature is normal for 24 hours without the use of medication.**
- Any unexplained vomiting. May return 24 hours after the last episode.
- Diarrhea: three or more unexplained episodes of watery or loose stools in 24 hours. May return 24 hours after the last episode.
- Uncontrolled/constant cough and/or with complaints of difficulty or rapid breathing.
- Rash/Sores/Lesions when accompanied by a fever and/or have drainage that cannot be contained within a bandage, increasing in size, or new areas are developing.
 - May return after the rash/sores/lesions go away or clearance is given by a health care provider.
- Persistent or severe sore throat when accompanied by fever.
- Itchy/painful eyes with discharge, accompanied by fever, and/or behavior changes or unable to avoid touching eyes.
- Symptoms of a contagious illness such as varicella (chicken pox), mumps, pertussis (whooping cough). May return as directed after evaluation by a healthcare provider.
- Lice: If a child has adult lice, nymphs, and/or eggs(nits) they will be sent home and will need to complete one treatment and removal of live lice prior to returning to school.

In the event that your child will be absent from school, please notify the front office with a simple explanation at 715-356-5206 option #1.

Please remember that this information is not intended to take the place of your medical provider's advice. If your child is sick with a diagnosed communicable disease, please notify the school as soon as possible. If your child misses school due to a medical appointment please submit a medical provider's note to the school office to have your child's absence medically cleared.

**Medical providers are welcome to fax forms directly to MJ1 at 715-358-2649.

Reminder: If your child is prescribed a medication that will need to be administered during school hours it will need to be brought in by a parent/guardian with a completed medication consent form.

Hand washing is one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs.

Please call with any questions regarding the health of your child. If you have a change in address and/or phone number, please contact the school office to have this information updated. It is very important to be able to reach you in the event your child becomes ill at school.

We appreciate and thank you for your cooperation!