

Too Sick for School?

Children should be in school if at all possible, but there are some exceptions.

When your child tells you they feel bad, how do you know whether to send them to school or keep them home?....

Temperature. Children with fever over 100 degrees should **NOT** be sent to school. Even if you give Tylenol and the fever comes down, they are still contagious. Children must be fever-free without medication for 12-24 hours before returning to school.

Children who are vomiting or have diarrhea should **NOT** be sent to school.

Children who have a sudden **severe** rash with no explanation should **NOT** be sent to school.

Children who wake up with crusty, matted eyes that are pink and itchy should be seen by your doctor to rule out **pink eye** before they are sent to school. If it is pink eye, they must be on the antibiotic drops for 12-24 hours before returning to school.

Children with **severe** coughs or asthma flare-ups that will interfere with their ability to learn should be kept home.