

# WAUTOMA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



Below are the guidelines to help parents and the school district determine when to keep children/students home from school. The recommendations are based on guidelines provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state public health professionals. They were developed to help prevent the spread of potentially contagious disease. Home is the best place for a child who is ill. If your child is sick with a diagnosed communicable disease, please notify the school as soon as possible. This notification will greatly assist others who, due to medical reasons and/or treatments, have weakened immune systems and may require immediate and specialized care.



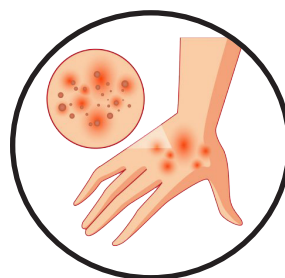
## FEVER

With fever greater than 100F. Student may return when fever-free for **24 hours** (WITHOUT use of fever-reducing medicine.)



## RASH

Any new rash accompanied by a fever. May return after rash goes away or clearance given by a health care provider.



## SKIN LESIONS/SORES

Drainage from a sore that cannot be contained within a bandage OR sores are increasing in size OR new sores are developing day-to-day.



## COUGH

Serious, sustained coughing, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing.



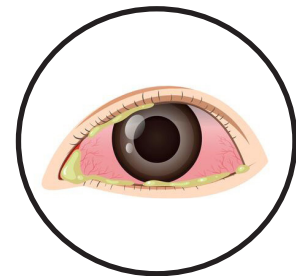
## VOMITING/DIARRHEA

Any unexplained vomiting episode. May return **24 hours** after last episode. Diarrhea = three or more unexplained episodes of watery or loose stool in **24 hours**. May return **24 hours** after last episode.



## RESPIRATORY ILLNESS

Symptoms of respiratory illness may include: fever, chills, fatigue, cough, runny nose, and headache, among others. Return to normal activities when, for **at least 24 hours** your symptoms are getting better overall, AND you have not had a fever (and are not using fever-reducing medication). See CDC Preventing Spread of Respiratory Virus for further information.



## BACTERIAL PINK EYE

Bacterial Pink Eye may include red/pink itchy eyes and green/yellow discharge. Medical providers may order antibiotics for treatment. As long as you are able to perform proper handwashing and avoid touching your eyes there are no restrictions for return.

**OTHER:** Symptoms that prevent the student from active participation in usual school activities OR student is requiring more care than school can safely provide.

**CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL NURSE FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS**