



# Community Unit School District 303

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## Community Unit School District 303 School Health Services

Dear Parents,

Being in full season of colds and flu, please keep the following guidelines in mind when deciding whether to send your child to school. This will help control the spread of communicable diseases in school and ensure that your son / daughter is ready to learn when present.

### **Students should stay home for the following reasons:**

- If they have a temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or more. Students must be **fever free for 24 hours without taking** medicine to control fever before returning to school.
- If they are diagnosed with a strep throat infection. Students must be taking an antibiotic for a minimum of 24 hours, no fever and feel good before returning to school.
- If your child has vomited or had persistent diarrhea at night or in the morning before school starts.
- If your son / daughter has a strong or productive cough, chest congestion, discolored nasal secretions.
- If your child has conjunctivitis. Students must have completed 24 hours using the drug and not have the red eyes or have discharge before returning to school.

Some students are returning to school soon after being sick. **They should stay home until they do not have any symptoms for 24 hours.** This is important for the health of your son / daughter and the health of their classmates. Please continue to remind your child / the importance of frequent hand washing, healthy eating, and proper use and disposal of tissues (such as Kleenex) during the season of colds and flu.

When notifying the school of the absence of her son / daughter, please give the reason for the absence. We will make an effort to notify other parents of communicable diseases confirmed by a doctor such as strep throat infection, conjunctivitis or chickenpox to help control the spread of the disease. If you have any questions please call us at 331-228-3300.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue concerning the health of our students.

Sincerely,  
Health Services

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