

Signs and Symptoms for Exclusion from School and Subsequent Readmission

- a) The Forney Independent School District operates a program of **communicable disease control** in accordance with the standards and regulations established by the Department of State Health Services, Kaufman County Health Department, and in accordance with applicable laws. Control and prevention are the two major aspects of a communicable disease program. Rules for exclusion of sick children from school and childcare are outlined in the Texas Administrative Code, specifically [Rule 97.7](#) for schools.

In an effort to control and prevent the potential for spreading communicable diseases from person to person, FISD requests the following of students and employees.

Until free of symptoms or until a physician's statement of non-communicability is produced, students or employees identified with the following symptoms are to be excluded from school:

- b) Temperature of 100 degrees or above
- Individuals should not take medication to mask a fever, and then come to school. **Treating a fever does not treat the cause of a fever.** Individuals should not return to school until fever free for 24 hours **without** medication.
- c) Diarrhea, nausea, and/or vomiting
- If an individual has vomiting or diarrhea in the morning before school, it is best to stay home until free of symptoms for 24 hours **without** medication.
- d) Red eye with purulent discharge or crusting
- e) Scaly patches on scalp (possible ringworm)
- f) Intense itching with evidence of open lesions or signs and symptoms of secondary infection
- g) Open draining lesions (possible impetigo or uncovered boils)
- h) Undetermined rash
- i) Children with suspected or confirmed pertussis should be kept out of school or childcare until they have completed five (5) days of antibiotic therapy.

Any individual with an acute febrile illness (fever) or other systemic symptoms and a definite rash, regardless of cause, should be sent home.