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EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL FOR SUSPECTED COMMUNICABLE CONDITIONS

POLICY:

Students suspected to have a contagious health condition can be excluded from school at the discretion of the school nurse. The purpose of this exclusion is to prevent the spread of disease that can cause absence and discomfort for other students and staff. Some conditions may require immediate dismissal. Written documentation by a health care provider may be required for school re-entry.

PROTOCOL:

The school nurse will assess each presenting condition on an individual basis.

A student will be excluded from school if he/she has:

- A fever of 100° or greater in the past 24 hours
- A communicable disease diagnosis
- A cold in the active stages – coughing, sneezing, nasal drainage
- A sore throat and/or swollen neck glands
- Vomiting or diarrhea in the past 24 hours
- Acute pain that requires relief by narcotic medication
- An undiagnosed rash or skin eruption

Parents should make every effort to pick up children as soon as possible when notified by the school nurse.

Emergency contact information must be up-to-date.