

ANTILLES SCHOOL ILLNESS POLICY

1. If your child is sent home due to illness, he or she may not come back to school, nor attend any of the after school activities/sports that entire day.
2. All students who are ill at school and need to go home must be picked up by parent or guardian within the hour of the call from the nurse. This is for the safety of all students who are in need of care in the nurse's office who will potentially be exposed to your sick child.
3. Any child with an elevated temperature of 100 degrees or above, must remain home until the temperature has been (below 99.5 degrees) **without medication**, for 24 hours.
4. If your child vomits or has diarrhea in the morning before school, he or she must stay home. Children should stay home **at least 24 hours after the last episode** of fever, vomiting, or diarrhea.
5. All communicable diseases, e.g., strep throat, chicken pox, conjunctivitis, Covid-19, scarlet fever, scabies, staphylococcus (to include: folliculitis, impetigo, staph, MRSA/methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus) must be reported to the school nurse even if diagnosed on the weekend or over vacation. **Any sore/lesion, resulting from the same, must be in healing stage (no oozing pus) before returning to school and be covered at all times. Your child must be on antibiotics a FULL 24 hours prior to returning to school. Please have your child wear long sleeves/long pants to ensure sores/lesions are covered, in addition to band aids.**
6. Children being treated for most communicable diseases may return after a **full 48 hours** after starting antibiotic therapy or other viral treatments. **(This is excluding all staphylococcus, diagnosed flu or Covid-19. These require a physician's release to return to school).** Children being treated for ringworm may return to school after 48 hours of treatment, and must keep lesions covered while in school. Children with chicken pox may return to school after five days, and all lesions are dry and scabbed over.
7. If your child is diagnosed with a concussion, they may not return to school without written permission from their physician with specific restrictions and instructions for care in school.
8. If your child has an anaphylactic reaction they must have physician clearance to return to school.

It is important for parents of other students to be made aware if they have been exposed to communicable diseases. The names of affected children are kept confidential. Without adequate information, however, we cannot prevent unnecessary transmission of communicable diseases in school.

See enclosed information on "When to Keep a Sick Child Home from School".