



## ILLNESS AND EXCLUSION POLICY

Although some illnesses do not require exclusion, a student may be excluded from school when they exhibit symptoms of a contagious or communicable illness. These instances would require a student to be excluded from school to prevent the spread of infection and to allow the child time to rest and recover. When making the decision to send a child home, please understand that we must take into consideration your child's health as well as that of the other children, staff, and faculty.

A temporary exclusion is needed for the following illnesses:

- Fever of 100 degrees F or more. May return once the student has been fever free for 24 hours without fever lowering medications.
- Rash: If a student arrives at school (or develops while at school) with a contagious or questionable rash. The student will be sent home and a licensed healthcare provider's note will be required for re-admittance.
- Contagious infection requiring an antibiotic: Exclusion to extend for 24 hours after treatment has begun.
- Red, itchy, gooey eyes: if bacterial conjunctivitis, exclusion to extend to 24 hours after treatment has begun.
- Head lice: Exclusion to start at the end of the day and extend until treatment has been completed. Please notify the school if you suspect your child has head lice.
- Mononucleosis: Exclusion as per doctor's recommendation
- Norovirus diarrhea and/or vomiting exclusion is required for 24 hours after symptoms resolve without medication; however, a 48 hour exclusion is recommended. A required 48 hour exclusion may be enforced during certain times of the year or if an outbreak occurs.
- When returning to class, symptoms should be classroom manageable.

**A licensed healthcare provider may determine the child's condition does not require exclusion and documentation of such should be provided to the health office.**

**These lists are not all-encompassing and may be revised as appropriate.** A licensed healthcare provider's re-admittance slip may be requested at the discretion of the Headmaster or school nurse. In the event of an outbreak of vaccine-preventable disease at Concord Christian Academy, the State Health Director may exclude unimmunized children from the school for his/her own protection. This exclusion will last until an incubation period from the last identified case of the communicable disease has passed as per the NH Religious Exemption form.

**The health of your child and readiness to learn are greatly intertwined. If your child does not meet any of the above criteria, but in general does not look well, we may ask you to come pick up your child until he/she is able to return to full participation in the classroom.**

If a student is a driver and determined able to safely drive home, the school nurse or non-licensed assistive designee will place a phone call to the parent requesting verbal permission for the student to leave school. No student driver, regardless of age will be allowed to leave school due to illness without permission of the parent.

The school is required by law to report specific communicable disease, or suspicion of such, to the Public Health Department in accordance with NH Public Health Laws. A complete list with requirements for reporting can be found at:

<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt476/files/documents/2021-12/reportablediseases.pdf>

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