Spackenkill Union Free School District
School Health Offices

When to Keep a Child Home

A child who is sick will not be able to perform well in school and is likely to spread illness to other children and staff. **If your child is exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19, please test the child with a home antigen test prior to arrival at school. If you are in need of a test kit, please contact the health office at your child's school.**

Please do not send your child to school if he/she has:
- **Has tested positive for Covid-19** (Notify Building Nurse for return to school date and end of face masking date) or tested **positive** for the **Flu** or **RSV**.
- had a temperature of 100 degrees or greater in the past 24 hours. They should be fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication.
- has been vomiting in the past 24 hours.
- had diarrhea in the past 24 hours.
- has been diagnosed with Strep Throat (must have been taking an antibiotic for at least 24 hours before returning to school)
- upper respiratory symptoms such as a bad cough or a very runny nose, especially if it has kept the child awake at night
- been diagnosed with Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye) – must be on prescribed eye drops for at least 24 hours before returning to school
- Unexplained rash

If your child becomes ill at school and the school nurse feels that the child is too sick to remain in school or is contagious to other children, you will be called to come and take him/her home. *It is essential that we have an up-to-date phone number where you can be contacted during the day and a local emergency contact phone number in the event you cannot be reached.* Please be sure that arrangements can be made to pick up your child from school **within 30 minutes** in case of illness. If your daytime or emergency phone number changes during the year, please notify us immediately.

When your child returns to school after an absence, a note regarding the child's absence must be submitted to the Main Office. The nurse also reads absence notes, so please include information that would help us track clusters of illnesses in a class, grade level or building.

Please call if you have any questions, concerns or if you are unsure whether or not your child should attend school

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