



Dear Parents,

While we do everything possible to keep your children safe, having fun and learning we need your cooperation to help keep Crestwood children healthy and limit the spread of illness. The guidelines below are provided by the New York State Board of Education and we ask that you adhere to them throughout our school year.

Parents are asked to keep their child home if he or she shows symptoms of any of the illnesses below. You may be contacted by our director or school administrator to take your child home if he or she is suffering from or develop any of the following symptoms:

- ***Any signs of possible illness or inability to function in a class setting.***
- ***A fever higher than 100 degrees Fahrenheit. A child must be fever free for 24 hours before returning.***
- ***Episodes of vomiting***
- ***Diarrhea – defined as an increase in the number of stools or change in consistency compared with the child’s normal pattern.***
- ***Presence or development of any type of skin rash that may be considered contagious.***
- ***Presence or development of an eye, ear, or throat infection that may be considered contagious (i.e. pink eye –conjunctivitis, strep throat, etc.)***
- ***Persistent cold symptoms – nasal drainage, which is other than clear in color, any type of purulent eye drainage, or repeated episodes of sneezing or coughing.***
- ***Severe itching of the body or scalp***
- ***Any contagious diseases such as mononucleosis, chicken pox, strep throat, etc.***

A child should not return to Crestwood until the condition resolves itself (for a minimum of 24 hours) or a physician certifies in writing (or fax) or by telephone that the condition is not contagious. A child may return after 24 hours of initiating antibiotic treatment and 24 hours without fever.

Finally, whenever a child has been exposed to a communicable disease (e.g., chicken pox, fifth disease, strep throat, stomach virus, etc.) parents are asked to report the situation to the Crestwood school staff. This information is often vital to other children and family members.

Crestwood’s goal is to maintain the health and safety of all the children. If you have any questions, please contact our Crestwood office.

Sincerely,

Stephanie, Mark H. & Mark T.