

## Acute Illness Policy

Salem Academy Charter School realizes that there are times when it is in the best interest of your child to keep him/her home from school due to illness. The goal of the following guidelines is to assist the parent/guardian with the decision of when to keep a child home from school due to infection or illness.

Students should not attend school if:

- The student has a temperature over 100.0 F; the student may return to school after having a normal temperature for 24 hours *without the use of fever reducing medications*
- The student has just started antibiotics; the student may return to school after taking antibiotics for 24 hours, and without a temperature over 100.0 F
- The student is vomiting; the student may return to school approximately 12 hours after symptoms resolve and is able to tolerate a normal diet.
- The student has diarrhea; the student may return to school approximately 12 hours after symptoms resolve and is able to tolerate a normal diet.
- The student has an undiagnosed rash.
- The student has severe cold symptoms.
- The student is diagnosed with a serious communicable disease i.e.: COVID-19, chicken pox, impetigo, scabies, and pertussis.

COVID-19 Symptoms:

- Students should stay home if they are experiencing **ANY** of the following symptoms:
  - **Fever (100.0 F or higher), chills, or shaking chills**
  - **Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath**
  - **New loss of taste or smell**
  - **Muscle aches or body aches**
- Students should stay home if they are experiencing **TWO OR MORE** of the following:
  - New cough
  - Sore throat
  - Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
  - Headache
  - Fatigue
  - Nasal congestion (not related to known cause ie. allergies)
- Parents must alert the nurse as soon as possible if the student presents with COVID-19 symptoms for information regarding testing requirements and return to school protocols.

Please contact your school nurse before sending your child back to school. Physician's documentation is required for school attendance after treatment for impetigo, scabies, pertussis, conjunctivitis, and other treatable communicable diseases.

Please contact your school nurse if you have any questions or concerns regarding the health status of your child.

