



Menlo Park Academy

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Student Illness and Communicable Disease Information for Parents/Guardians and Return to School Requirements

- Your student should stay at home, or will be sent home from school if he/she displays signs of illness including but not limited to one or more of the following:
 - Seems very tired and needs bed rest
 - Temperature at or above 100.4F
 - Nausea/vomiting or diarrhea
 - Sore throat or difficulty swallowing
 - Short of breath or wheezing
 - Persistent cough
 - Rash of unknown origin
 - Distracting pain from earache, headache, or recent injury
 - Redness of the eye, thick and purulent (pus) discharge, matted eyelashes, burning, itching or eye pain
 - Live head lice

- Your student should stay at home if they have been diagnosed with any communicable disease (for example COVID-19, flu, strep throat, pinkeye). Please discuss with your healthcare provider when the return to school is appropriate.

- For COVID-19 diagnosis or exposure, Menlo Park Academy will follow isolation and quarantine guidance from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH).

- Please notify the school immediately if your child has been diagnosed with any of the following communicable diseases:
 - Chickenpox
 - COVID-19
 - Hepatitis A
 - Lice
 - Measles (Rubeola)
 - Meningitis, Bacterial
 - Meningitis, Viral
 - Mumps
 - Tuberculosis
 - Whooping Cough (Pertussis)



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- Your child can return to school after the following conditions have been met:
 - If COVID-19 was diagnosed or suspected, proper isolation precautions as advised by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) need to be completed prior to return.
 - The child should be fever-free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications
 - The child has not vomited or had diarrhea within 24 hours
 - For head lice, the child needs to be examined by school personnel after treatment and found to have no live lice ([see MPA Policy 410-Head Lice Infestation](#))
 - For chicken pox, students may return to school when they are fever-free and the chicken pox vesicles are dry

- A note from a healthcare provider is required:
 - Regardless of the number of days of absence, for the following communicable diseases: measles, mumps, whooping cough, respiratory streptococcal infections, scarlet fever, impetigo, conjunctivitis (pinkeye), ringworm of the scalp, scabies, meningitis, and infectious mononucleosis.

 - In the case of injuries such as a broken arm or surgery such as an appendectomy or myringotomy tubes (ears). This information is helpful to school personnel in case there are any restrictions in activities, complications to watch for, or to update your child's health record.