

## Douglas County School District Health Services

Dear Parents,

The Health Services Department has the utmost concern to provide a healthy learning environment for all students at school. Please help us in making the school environment healthy by following the guidelines listed below to keep the spread of communicable disease to a minimum in the school setting:

- **Fever** - 100° or higher currently or within the last 24 hours
- **Signs/symptoms of possible severe illness**
- **Diarrhea** – defined as having more than 6 loose stools in a 24-hour period, or 3 in a school day. The student is to remain excluded for 24 hours or until a medical exam indicates that it is not due to a communicable disease.
- **Vomiting** – defined as two or more episodes in the previous 24 hours, or 1 episode in the school day.
- **Mouth/Face Sores (Impetigo)** – The student must be seen and diagnosed and treated by a Doctor. The Doctor must then write a note that states when the student with impetigo may return to school. If the student returns to school with the mouth sores still weeping, the sores will be kept covered with a bandaid/bandage throughout the school day per the School Nurse.
- **Rash with fever or behavior change** – The student remains excluded until a medical exam indicates that these symptoms are not those of a communicable disease that requires exclusion.
- **Suspicious skin lesions** – The student remains excluded until treatment has begun.
- **Conjunctivitis** – The student remains excluded until treatment has begun, when pus-like drainage has been resolved, or in non-treated cases, when symptoms have subsided.
- **Unusual color of skin, eyes, stool, or urine** – The student is to remain excluded until a medical exam indicates no evidence of hepatitis (jaundice, gray or white stool, dark urine).
- **Exclusion may also occur for the mildly ill child if the child is unable to participate in normal activities or if the child needs more care than can be provided by school staff.**

Parents/Guardians are to pick up their child from school upon notification of possible communicable disease. If the parent/guardian, emergency contact cannot be reached, the student is to remain in the health clinic, isolated from other students.