

**Denville Township Schools
Health Office Guidelines and Suggestions**

<i>PLEASE READ AND KEEP FOR REFERENCE</i>
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A good education requires that our children have regular attendance with few absences. There are some occasions, however, when children need to stay home. These guidelines are designed to protect the health of all children in our schools.

1. If a child is sent home with a fever, he/she is expected to remain home a full 24 hours, fever-free **without** fever-reducing medication, before returning to school.
2. If a child vomits during the night, please do not send him/her to school that day. If your child vomits in school, we will call you for pick up rather than sending him or her home on the bus.
3. If a child has been diagnosed with Strep throat, state law requires that he/she must be on medication a full 24 hours before returning to school.
4. Chicken Pox requires absence from school while pustules are still forming; the student **MUST** remain at home until ALL scabs are dry. Please contact your School Nurse prior to your child's return to school.
5. It is VERY important that the School Nurse be notified if head lice or nits are found in your child's hair.
6. If a child needs to be excused from physical education class, a **WRITTEN NOTE** from the parent is **REQUIRED**. *To be excused for more than 2 days, a doctor's note is required.* A doctor's note is also required for a student to resume participation in physical education classes and sports after an extensive illness, surgery or severe injury.
7. Please notify your School Nurse and transportation department if your child is using crutches in school. Any student riding a school bus must be able to evacuate quickly in the event of an emergency. An MD note is required for student to ride the bus with crutches.
8. Students requiring **medication** at school must have a **written order from the pupil's private physician and the parent/guardian's written request for its administration**. . Medication must be delivered to the school nurse by the pupil's parent, guardian or designee in the original container labeled by the pharmacy or physician in the case of a prescribed medication, or the manufacturer's label in the case of an over the counter medication. Written orders signed by the pupil's private physician must state the name of the medication, the purpose of its administration and its proper timing and dosage.
9. Please notify your School Nurse any time that your child develops a communicable disease, such as Strep or Fifth Disease, or sustains an injury requiring medical attention, even outside school activities. Your child's school health record is often the most complete record available for college applications, etc. It is only as complete as the information received!