

## GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING STUDENT ATTENDANCE DUE TO ILLNESS

A student should stay home or will be sent home if they exhibit any of the following:

- Undiagnosed skin eruptions/rashes (can return with doctor's note)
- Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
- Severe abdominal pain
- Fever of 100 degrees or higher
- Disruptive, persistent cough
- For specific conditions (e.g. Flu, COVID-19, Strep throat, Chicken Pox, Pertussis, etc.), please contact the Health Office.

Other conditions that are indicators of illness and are considered when determining if a student should be sent home/stay home:

- Decreased activity -droopy, tired appearance, fatigue
- Irritable behavior
- Moderate to Severe Sore throat/swollen glands
- Moderate to Excessive Runny nose/cough
- Eye drainage (excessive drainage and/or significant discomfort)

When can a student return to school?

### 24 Hour Rule

\* if a child gets sick while at home or sent home from school, they will be asked to stay home the following day with these symptoms, but can return on the 2nd day with the below instructions

### 48 Hour Rule

\*\*if a child gets sick while at home or sent home from school, they will be asked to stay home the following 2 days with these symptoms, but can return on the 3rd day with the below instructions

- No Fever for at least 24 hours\* (without the aid of fever-reducing medication)
- No Vomiting and/or diarrhea in the absence of other symptoms of illness for at least 24 hours\*

- If student(s) had 2 of following symptoms, must be free of the following conditions for 48 hours\*\*:

Fever, Vomiting diarrhea, or one of these accompanied by other symptoms of illness

Please contact Ben Franklin Academy Health Office for any questions.

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