

## DISTRICT POLICY

### IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION FOR ALL JORDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT FAMILIES FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Health Office Staff, Locations, and Hours:

- **Nicole Langheim** and **Laura Menden** RN, LSN – District Nurses  
**JMS Nurse Hours-** 7:20-3:20 pm
- **Kristina Stresnak** LPN  
**JES Nurse Hours-** 7:30-3:00 pm
- **Staff**  
**JHS Nurse Hours-** 9-1 pm

Other staff helping with temperatures and calling parents / guardians:

- Aileen Dalton, Terri Oakes – Office Staff at JES
- Brenda Boeckmann, Kelly Kochlin – Office Staff at JMS
- Renee Hentges – Office staff at JHS

#### **Criteria For Sending Students Home for Illness / Injury:**

Every attempt is made to partner with teachers, parents, and health office personnel to promote learning and health as well as to treat each child's unique healthcare needs.

#### **Per school policy, students will automatically be sent home for the following reasons:**

1. Fever: Temperature over 100.4 degrees
2. Vomiting
3. Unexplained rash
4. Injury requiring stitches or when additional medical attention is recommended
5. Injury requiring x-ray or when additional medical attention is recommended
6. Pink eye (conjunctivitis)
7. Diarrhea
8. Head Lice (presence of live head lice)

#### **Policies for RETURNING to school after illness, including:**

**Fever (Temperature over 100.4 degrees):** Your child may return to school after he/she has been **FEVER FREE FOR 24 HOURS without taking Tylenol, Ibuprofen or other fever-reducing medication.** It is important that children do not come to school with a fever.

**Vomiting:** It is recommended that your child stay home for **24 hours** after his / her last episode of vomiting. If vomiting is due to a recurring problem such as milk intolerance or strong gag reflex, please let the nurse know so we may better assess your child.

**Rashes:** Unexplained rashes need to be evaluated by a doctor to determine whether the rash is contagious. If treatment is started, please refer to the guidelines for the specific rash for returning to school.

**Pink Eye:** Your child may return to school after he / she has been on **antibiotic eye drops for 24 hours** or your doctor has determined he / she is no longer contagious. This includes no mattering or drainage from the infected eye.

**Diarrhea:** Please keep your child home for **24 hours** after his / her last occurrence of diarrhea.

**Head Lice:** Your child may return to school when he / she **does not have live lice**. It is recommended you remove nits for two weeks after initial treatment as traditional lice shampoos only kill live lice and not their eggs. Eggs left on hair may hatch into live lice.

**Strep Throat:** Children may return to school **24 hours after beginning treatment** with antibiotics if they are **fever free** and are feeling well enough to come to school.

**Chicken Pox:** Child may return to school **after** all blisters have dried into scabs. This usually happens by day six (6) after the rash started.

**Scabies:** May return to school 24 hours after treatment begins.

**Ringworm:** May return to school once treatment has started and as long as the lesion is completely covered while in school. If unable to completely cover a lesion, then he / she may return to school 24 hours after starting treatment.

**Cold Sores (Herpes):** If it is the first infection, your child must stay home until the sore is healed. If it is a recurring infection, he / she may attend school with active sores.

**Strep rash:** May return to school 24 hours after antibiotic treatment begins.

**Fifth Disease (Parvovirus):** May return to school as long as he / she is fever-free.

**Non communicable Rashes (Contact dermatitis, allergy, eczema, psoriasis):** Please provide documentation by a physician of these skin conditions. This will help us better assess your child and prevent unnecessary phone calls if a rash appears during the school day.

**Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease:** Your child may return to school as long as he / she does not have a fever. Sores or rash may still be present.

**Influenza:** Your child may return to school when the fever is gone and he / she is healthy enough to participate in routine activities.

**Whooping Cough (Pertussis):** Scott County Department of Health recommends if your child has symptoms of whooping cough and is tested for pertussis, he / she should stay home until it is determined if the test is positive or negative. The test takes up to 3 days to complete. If the test is positive, students must stay home until the **5-day course of antibiotics is completed**. If the test is negative, students may return to school as long as he/she is fever-free.

Thank you in advance for helping keep our school environment safe and healthy!

Sincerely,

Laura, Nicole, and Kristina