

Lake Castle Madisonville Private School Medical Procedure for Illness

In an effort to maintain a safe and healthy environment in school, please review the following guidelines regarding student illnesses. The guidelines are meant to provide simple and effective precautions against the transmission of disease and/or infection as well as decrease the risk of exposure for all students and school personnel. ***Parents are our first line of defense in keeping our school open.***

Illness during the School Day

- Students will be removed from their classrooms immediately.
- Parents/guardians are expected to pick up their children without delay.
- Please have someone available to pick up your children should a parent/guardian be unable to do so.
- In the case of siblings, siblings of an ill student will not be required to leave the campus unless he/she becomes symptomatic.

Absences Due to Illness

- All students who are absent for three (3) or more days are **required** to have a doctor's note stating the nature of the illness for the absence to be exempt.*
- Full transparency as to the nature of the illness is expected.
- *See **Absentee Procedures** for details in the event of an absence.

Medical Procedures

- At NO time shall any child be allowed to have in his/her possession ANY medication whatsoever. This includes over-the-counter medications such as throat lozenges, cough drops, eye drops, Chapstick, etc.
- Students should remain home and be fever-free (fever - **100** degrees or higher) for **24 hours** without use of fever reducing medications.
- If your child is **vomiting or has diarrhea** before school, please keep him/her home until at least **24 hours** after it subsides.
- If you pick up your child from school due to **fever, diarrhea, or vomiting**, he/she may not return to school for at least **24 hours**.

Medical Procedures, continued

- Students with **conjunctivitis (pink eye)** should remain home until on medication for 24 hours. Pink eye is highly contagious. Symptoms are bloodshot, itching eyes sometimes with a discharge. Any student at school suspected of having pink eye will be sent home and allowed to return to school with a doctor's note.
- All persistent **rashes** should be seen by a doctor for proper diagnosis in order to determine the communicability of the rash. **Nurses cannot diagnose the various rashes.**
- If your child has a **discolored (yellow or green) nasal discharge**, this may indicate an infection, thus your child may need to see a physician.
- All students with **Head Lice** are to be checked back into school through the office. Doctor's notes or Health Unit slips are not acceptable. Students must be nit-free before returning to school.
- All **ringworms must be covered** while at school. Ringworm in the scalp must be seen by a doctor.
- Report all **communicable diseases** to the school – i.e. Chickenpox (Varicella), Fifth disease, COVID-19, etc.
- All Chickenpox (Varicella) sores should be completely dry before the student returns to school.
- See **COVID-19 Medical Procedures** for protocols related directly to COVID-19.
- Only a medical note from a physician stating the nature of the injury and a date of return to activity will exonerate a pupil from Physical Education.

