



HEALTH CARE POLICY – SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We at SMSD are concerned about the health and safety of your child and other children in school, as you are. It is school policy that you keep your child home if he/she has any of the following:

COVID-19 symptoms. If your child has any of these please keep them home and consult with your physician:

- Fever-100.0
- cough
- shortness of breath
- difficulty breathing
- chills
- Muscle pain
- sore throat
- new loss of taste or smell
- nausea/vomiting/diarrhea

And/or

Other symptoms. If your child is experiencing any of the following, they should not be sent to school:

- Any temperature of 100.0 F or above
- Student must be fever free for 24 hours without use of fever reducing medication: i.e., Tylenol, Motrin
- Earache, draining, or scaliness of ear
- Frequent coughing
- Sore throat
- A rash of any kind until diagnosed, treated, or declared harmless by a doctor
- Cold symptoms: coughing, sneezing, yellowish or greenish discharge from nose
- Diarrhea and/or vomiting *the previous evening or in the morning before school*
If your child has diarrhea/vomiting more than twice within a 4-hour period, he/she will be sent home. Child should be free of symptoms and without further episodes of diarrhea/loose stool/ vomiting for 24 hours prior to returning to school. Without use of anti-diarrheal
- Red, runny, or matted eyes - may indicate Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye) - *Please call MD*

If you have any doubts about your child’s health, please keep him/her home and contact your physician.

Communicable Diseases

- Bed Bugs
- Chicken Pox
- Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)
- Covid-19
- Diarrheal Diseases
- Fifth Disease
- Flu/Pneumonia
- Hand, Foot & Mouth Disease
- Hepatitis
- Impetigo
- Lice
- Measles
- Meningitis
- Mononucleosis
- MRSA
- Mumps
- Ring Worm
- RSV
- Scabies
- Scarlet Fever
- Strep Throat
- Tonsillitis
- Tuberculosis
- Whooping Cough

If your child has been exposed to a communicable disease, please notify the Nurse and the Teacher, and check with your physician for advice.

- If a student is suspected of having a contagious condition, they will not be allowed to return to school until a diagnosis has been made, treatment started (if indicated), and a written release from the doctor is received. If your child is exposed to any communicable disease at school, we will notify you.
- If your child becomes ill at school, we will contact you so that you can plan to take him/her home.

Any questions please contact the Health Office:

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Please keep for future reference