

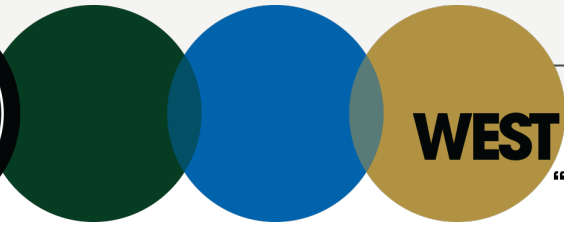


## **WHEN LEARNERS ARE SICK**

When learners become sick at school, they will be taken to the nurse's office and parents/guardians will be notified to pick up their child based on the protocols outlined below. Ill learners must be picked up within 30 minutes of receiving the phone call from the school unless alternate arrangements are made with the principal. If the office is unable to connect with the parent/guardian after 30 minutes, emergency contacts will be called. If the school is unable to connect with anyone listed in the learner's record after one hour, attempts to contact an adult authorized to make arrangements for the learner will be handed over to administration and/or the School Resource Officer. For the health of others in the office, the learner will be asked to wear a face covering while waiting to be picked up.

These protocols are applicable to all types of illnesses; these are NOT specific to COVID-19. As such, all protocols outlined below DO apply to fully vaccinated learners. In addition to what is included below, our school nurses adhere to the [Childcare and School Infectious Disease Exclusion Guidance from the ND Department of Health](#), as well as [Fargo Cass Public Health's Communicable Disease Regulations](#). Exceptions to the protocols outlined below will be made if the learner has a previously diagnosed condition or a care plan on file that relates to the symptom or condition being exhibited at the time they are seen by the nurse, or the symptom or condition can be attributed to environmental factors.

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**Learners will be sent home if they exhibit any ONE of the following symptoms/conditions:**

<b>Symptom/Condition</b>	<b>Eligible to Return</b>
Contagious infection diagnosed by a healthcare provider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prescription medication taken for a full 24 hours</li> <li>• Fever-free for 24 hours without the use of any medication, inclusive of ibuprofen and acetaminophen.</li> </ul>
Diarrhea <i>(frequent loose stools, greater than two per hour)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Symptom-free and fever-free for 24 hours without the use of any medication, inclusive of antidiarrheal medication.</li> </ul>
Temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Symptom-free and fever-free for 24 hours without the use of any medication, inclusive of ibuprofen and acetaminophen.</li> </ul>
Uncontrolled cough <i>(frequent coughing that makes breathing difficult and/or disrupts the learning environment)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved symptoms and fever-free for 24 hours without the use of any medication, inclusive of cough suppressants.</li> </ul>
Undiagnosed rash or sores	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note from a healthcare provider               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If contagious, follow criteria in "contagious infection" row</li> <li>○ If not contagious, provide note from provider indicating student is eligible to return to school, has improved symptoms, AND has been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of any medication, inclusive of ibuprofen and acetaminophen.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Vomiting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Symptom-free and fever-free for 24 hours without the use of any medication, inclusive of ibuprofen and acetaminophen.</li> </ul>

**LEARNER'S ELIGIBLE RETURN DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Learners will be evaluated by the nurse if they exhibit TWO or more of the following symptoms/conditions:**

- Abdominal pain
- Chills
- Congestion/runny nose
- Cough
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Muscle/body aches
- Nausea
- Shortness of breath
- Sore throat

When a learner needs to see the nurse, either by their request or through staff observation, a Nurse's Pass must be sent with the learner to the nurse's office. The nurse completes an assessment of the learner's condition. If a nurse is unavailable due to scheduling, each building has a staff member designated as the backup.

If the learner's condition can be attributed to a cause other than illness (hunger, needing to use the restroom, a condition identified through a Care Plan, etc.), they may be sent back to class. The nurse will provide a summary of their assessment on the Nurse's Pass, which is sent back with the learner for their classroom teacher. If the learner is sent without a Nurse's Pass, the nurse can send a general note back to the classroom with the learner.

If the learner is deemed to be sick or they are not well enough to remain in school, parents/guardians will be contacted to pick up their child. In all instances related to the above list of symptoms, learners can return to school once their symptoms have improved without the use of medication, including ibuprofen and acetaminophen.

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