

**WALLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES**

RETURN TO SCHOOL GUIDELINES

In an effort to safeguard your child's health and the health of all the children in our schools, the following will help stop the spread of infection among students and staff. Children who are recovering from an illness should not return to school until they have been **free of symptoms for 24 hours**. Please contact your school nurse with any questions.

- Strep Throat** Students may return to school after they have been free from fever for 24 without the assistance of medication to lower their temperature. If they were prescribed an antibiotic, it must be taken for a FULL 24 hours before returning to school. A physician's note must be provided to return to school.
- Fever** Students may return to school when their temperature has been normal for 24 hours without the use of medication. A fever is defined as 100.4°F (38°C) or higher.
- Cold/Cough** Students should stay home if they are too uncomfortable to complete their work in the classroom setting. Children should also stay home if they have a persistent or severe cough.
- Vomiting/
Diarrhea** Students must be symptom free for 24 hours and be able to hold food and fluids before returning to school.
- Rashes** Students presenting any symptoms of potential contagious or communicable conditions must report to the school nurse and will be excluded from school until condition resolves or they present a note from their physician stating the diagnosis and that this condition is not communicable.
- Conjunctivitis
(pinkeye)** Students presenting with red eyes and/or eye drainage will be excluded from school until the condition resolves or a physician note is received stating this condition is not communicable. If they were prescribed antibiotic eye drops, it must be given for 24 hours before returning to school.
- Covid-19** Students who test positive for Covid-19 must isolate for days 1-5. They may return to school on day 6. Mask wearing is encouraged during days 6-10. Students may test out of wearing a mask if they have 2 negative Covid-19 tests 48-hours apart starting on day 6.

* If your child is awaiting results of a COVID 19 PCR test, please do not send them to school until you have the negative result.

*Please call the attendance line when your child is ill/absent. Please remember ill children do not belong in school for their own health and the wellness of the other students and staff.

TO REPORT A STUDENT'S ABSENCE

Jefferson Annex 973-836-4700 x 306
Frank W. Gavlak 973-777-4420 x 207
Jr./ Sr. High School 973-777-0808 x 130