



## Sick Child and School Attendance

Do you sometimes wonder when you should send your child to school and when you should keep him/her home? Here are some guidelines to help you decide.

Please allow your child to stay at home if:

- your child has a temperature of 100.0 degrees or higher, in the evening, even if the temperature is normal in the morning. This gives your child the extra time to recuperate and regain his/her strength and to no longer be contagious. Your child should be fever-free (without Tylenol or Advil) for 24 hours, before returning to school. If your child leaves school because of a fever, please do not send him/her to school the next day.
- your child has diarrhea or has vomited. He/she should be kept home for 24 hours after the last episode. If your child leaves school because he/she has vomited, please do not send him/her to school the next day. Again, this will help reduce the number of cases of contagious diseases.
- your child wakes up in the morning and has difficulty opening an eye (or eyes), yellow drainage (crusty at times), and very red or irritated eye(s). Please call your physician for an appointment and treatment for conjunctivitis (also known as "pinkeye"). If your child is diagnosed with pinkeye, please keep him/her home for 24 hours after the first dose of antibiotic drops.

As a reminder, if your child needs to take an antibiotic or any medication at school, the LSCD policy states that a physician's signature must accompany all medications, including Tylenol, Advil, or over-the-counter medications. Medications need to be in their original bottle and taken to the nurse for dispensing. Again, we cannot give students any medications without a physician's signature and a parent's signature.

Although it is impossible to be illness-free, we can lower the incidence of illness by encouraging our children to wash their hands before meals and snacks and whenever dirty, by coughing and sneezing into the fold of their arm instead of their hands, and by not eating and drinking after one another. Also, by adhering to the above school protocol, we can make Loveland Schools a healthier place. Thank you for your cooperation. As always, feel free to call us with any questions or concerns at :

677-7973 or you can contact the individual building clinics:

**LHS 697-3708**

**LMS 697-3603**

**LIS 697-3603**

**LES 697-3050**

**LPS 697-3553**

**LECC 697-3034**