

# SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

## *School District of New London*

In order to ensure the safety and health of all students and staff, we strongly encourage parents to monitor your child's health continually. It is important to be mindful of any illness symptoms that your child may have **BEFORE sending them to school**. School children who have any of the following conditions, this includes COVID-19, will be excluded from the classroom until either the condition subsides, the child is no longer contagious, or a note is received from the child's doctor stating that the child may return to school:

- An oral temperature of 100° F or more. (Must be fever free **WITHOUT** the use of fever reducing medication for 24 hours).
- Severe congestion, complaints of chest discomfort.
- Difficulty breathing or untreated wheezing.
- An unexplained rash.
- Thick green drainage from the nose for 3 days or more.
- Cuts or openings on the skin that are pus-filled or oozing.
- A diagnosed contagious illness (strep throat, impetigo, bacterial pink eye, bacterial bronchitis, etc. – may return to school after 24 hours of treatment with an antibiotic)
- Red, mattering (eyelashes stuck together) itchy/watery eyes.
- If he/she is too sick to be comfortable at school (stiff neck and/or headache).
- **Vomiting OR Diarrhea** within the last 24 hours.
- A frequent, persistent cough that may be disruptive to classmates.
- Persistent pain (ear, stomach, etc.).

**If a child complains of feeling ill at school (i.e. – headache, stomachache), WITHOUT A FEVER, vomiting or diarrhea, they will be allowed to rest for 15 minutes (use the bathroom, drink water, etc.) If the symptoms DO NOT resolve after the 15 minutes, office staff will contact you to pick your child up to be monitored at home for continued complaints of illness, new symptoms appearing and/or fever.**

**\*\*The school health office is not legally responsible to diagnose, nor is it equipped or staffed to provide extended care for ill students.\*\***

**\*\*YOU MUST CALL SCHOOL EVERY DAY YOUR CHILD IS HOME ILL OR OUT OF SCHOOL. Please make sure your contact and emergency contact information is up to date at all times.**

**RETURN TO SCHOOL GUIDELINES: *Current CDC, DHS, and local public health guidelines will be followed. Contact the school nurse for guidance.***