

# Montezuma Community School

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Parents and Guardians:

\*\*\*Please refer to COVID-19 & Updated Illness Guidelines for more information. When your child is ill, please follow these general guidelines and seek medical attention when necessary. It is imperative to notify the school if your child is absent, preferably by 8:30am. Students may be sent home if certain illnesses/symptoms present throughout the school day in an effort to keep the child well and protect others around them.

Please do not send students to school if they:

- Have a fever at or above 100.0 degrees - child must be fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medication (Tylenol/Advil) for 24 hours
- Have vomited or have diarrhea in the past 24 hours
- Have a rash until diagnosed by a physician and as long as they are contagious
- Have questionable or undiagnosed Pink Eye (redness of the eye, yellow/green drainage, irritation) until doctor permits attendance and if needed, been on antibiotic drops for 24 hours
- Have other untreated illnesses such as head lice, parasites, strep throat, etc.

Please notify the school if your child has any communicable illness such as strep throat, pink eye, head lice, Influenza, Fifth's Disease, or other conditions as determined by your family physician.

See the below table of common illnesses:

<b>Communicable Disease</b>	<b>Treatment Needed</b>	<b>Time away from school</b>
Fever of 100.0 or over	x	24 hours fever free without the help of medication
Vomiting	x	24 hours vomit free
Lice	shampoo/comb x2 weeks	Can not hold out of school
Ringworm	Cover ringworm, over-the-counter antifungal	If we can cover ringworm at school student may stay until end of day and notify parent. Ringworm must be covered and antifungal must be started to return the next day.

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Pink eye	Antibiotic drops	Until treatment begins and/or physician approves readmission with a note
Bed bugs	x	Can not hold out of school
Strep throat	Antibiotic	24 hours on antibiotic and 24 hours fever free.
Fifths disease	x	None
Mono		Fever free for 24 hours and doctor's note stating child may come back
Impetigo	Antibiotic	If lesions can be covered they may stay until the end of the day. If lesions can be covered they can come to school.
Influenza		Can return when fever free for 24 hours
Chicken Pox		Can come back to school when all blisters are crusted with no oozing (usually 6 days)
Hand, foot and mouth		Fever free for 24 hours and blisters dried up
RSV		24 hours fever free and a note cleared by physician to return
Shingles		Fever free 24 hours, blisters scabbed over and covered.
Diarrhea (infectious)		Until healthcare provider clears student to return

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Diarrhea (noninfectious)		If student has 2 or more loose stools in 24 hours or blood in stool
MRSA		Does not need to stay home from school. Cover wound. Take prescribed medication.
Whooping cough	Antibiotic	May return after 5 days of Antibiotic

Thank you for your cooperation and participation in keeping our community well.

Sincerely,  
Hannah Dengler, RN  
Montezuma Community Schools