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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our student population presents various physical limitations and susceptibility to illness and infection. We have immunocompromised students that are not able to fight off infections as well as healthier students. In an effort to protect our students from communicable illness, please keep your child at home if symptoms of illness are present. Here are some guidelines for you to follow:

Keep your child home if he/she:

- Has evidence of a new cold (runny, stuffy nose, sneezing, coughing). The greatest period of contagion of the common cold is the first 2-3 days after the onset of symptoms.
- Has an elevated temperature above 100 degrees. (Child should be fever free for at least 24 hours before returning to school).
- Has a suspicious rash.
- Has apparent skin infection (open, draining wound or red, swollen, hot to touch).
- Has discharge from eyes.
- Has vomited in the last 24 hours.
- Has had diarrhea or loose stools in the last 24 hours.
- Has been started on an antibiotic for a potentially contagious illness. Student should complete a full 24 hours of prescribed antibiotic therapy before returning to school.

If your child develops symptoms during the school day, or we feel that he/she should not be in school, we will notify you to take your child home.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 508-335-7550.

Sincerely,

Dianne Croteau MSN, RN