

# PLEASANTS COUNTY SCHOOLS

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## ***Because we care. . .***

We coordinate with the local health department in protecting children from certain symptoms of communicable diseases.

*If your child has any of these symptoms, please keep him/her home, or make appropriate child care arrangements.*

- ◆ **EYES** - thick mucus or pus draining from the eye or pink eye (conjunctivitis).
- ◆ **FEVER** - temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater; ***Please keep sick children at home for at least 24 hours AFTER they no longer have a fever without the use of fever reducing medications, such as Tylenol or Advil.***
- ◆ **GREEN NASAL DRAINAGE, AND/OR CHRONIC COUGH** - should be seen by a health care provider. These conditions may be contagious and may require treatment.
- ◆ **SORE THROAT** - with fever or swollen glands in the neck.
- ◆ **DIARRHEA** - 3 or more watery stools in a 24 hour period, especially if the child acts or looks ill.
- ◆ **VOMITING** - vomiting 2 or more times within the past 24 hours.
- ◆ **RASH** – generalized body rash, especially with fever or itching.
- ◆ **EAR INFECTIONS WITHOUT FEVER** – Student does **not** need to be excluded from school, but needs to get medical treatment and follow-up care. Untreated ear infections can cause permanent hearing loss.
- ◆ **HEAD LICE** - Children may not return to school until they have been treated for head lice, AND no live lice are noted.

IF YOUR CHILD SHOWS ANY OF THE ABOVE SYMPTOMS AT SCHOOL, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO PICK HIM/HER UP FROM SCHOOL.

- ❖ *Bringing a child to school with any of the above symptoms puts other children and staff at risk of getting sick.*
- ❖ *If all parents keep sick children at home, we will have stronger, healthier, and happier children.*
- ❖ *While we regret any inconvenience this may cause, in the long run this means fewer lost work days and less illness for parents, too.*