

LIVINGSTON PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HEALTH RULES

The following guidelines are offered to help you determine when your child should not attend school. Please consider carefully a child's statement of feeling ill.

- **Diarrhea/vomiting-** Students who are vomiting or have diarrhea (2 or more watery stools) will be sent home from school. They will not be allowed to return until they are symptom free for 24 hours from the onset of symptoms.
- **Fever-** Students who have a fever >100 F orally or higher will be sent home . Students will be readmitted after they have been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications (Tylenol, Motrin, Advil).
- **Pink Eye-** Symptoms of pink eye such as eye drainage, crusty eyelids, redness of whites of eyes, swelling, and itching may indicate pink eye, which is a contagious disease. Children with these symptoms will be sent home and should be seen by a Doctor for a diagnosis. If they are diagnosed with pink eye they must be on treatment for at least 24 hours before they can return to school. A doctors excuse will be required for them to return to school. Some conjunctivitis may require the student remain at home until all symptoms are resolved.
- **Rash/Lesions-** A student with an undiagnosed rash or lesion will not be allowed to stay at school. Skin lesions or rashes will be considered possibly contagious until a student has seen his/her Physician and has a note that it is ok to return to school.

Medication: If your child needs to take medications for chronic conditions at school please contact your **school nurse.** State law requires a medication administration form be completed by the Physician and parent. Student must stay home for 12 hours after any new medications are administered.

Lice: A student's hair must be free of nits and bugs in order to remain at school. If a student is sent home with lice, they must be treated and checked in by the parent the next day through the office. Before going to class they must be rechecked by school personnel for lice.

Immunizations: Statute LA R.S. 17;170

All students entering school for the first time shall present evidence of completed immunization records.

All students entering 6 grade that 11 years old or any student that is 11 years old and in another grade shall present evidence of age appropriate vaccinations including a TDAP Booster, Meningitis vaccine, and a second varicella (chickenpox).

Vision/Hearing: Students are screened in PK, KN, 1'st, 3'rd, 5'th, and 7'th grades for problems. If a problem is detected notes will be sent home to the parent referring them to their physician for a more complete evaluation.

Scoliosis: Students are screened in 6'th grade for curvature of the spine. If signs are seen students will be sent home with a letter referring them to their physician for a more complete evaluation.

Medical Conditons: If your child has a chronic medical condition, contact the Nurse at your school, annually. Some examples of chronic medical conditions are (Seizures/Epilepsy, diabetes, asthma, severe allergic reactions that require use of an Epipen or Benadryl during the school day related to allergic reactions to insects or food.