

**Sandwich Public Schools  
Health Services  
Guidelines for School Attendance**

For the health and wellbeing of all students, the following guidelines are recommended for determining whether or not to keep a child home from school:

- A child who has been vomiting or has had diarrhea should be kept home for at least 24 hours after symptoms have ceased without the use of medication. If your child has consistent pain, fever and poor oral intake, they should be seen by a physician.
- Any child with a temperature of 100.0°F or above should remain at home until 24 hours after the fever has ended and the child's temperature has returned to normal without the use of antipyretic medication such as Ibuprofen or Acetaminophen.
- If cough, cold or gastrointestinal symptoms are persistent and present with a temperature above 100.0°F, the child should remain at home until symptoms resolve.
- If the white part (sclera) of your child's eye is red and the eye has a yellow or green discharge, your child may have conjunctivitis. Your child should be seen by a physician, and if diagnosed with conjunctivitis, may return to school after 24 hours of treatment.
- If your child has been diagnosed with a contagious bacterial infection, such as strep throat or impetigo, they may return to school **after 24 hours of treatment.**
- If your child has a new onset rash, accompanied by fever or any other symptoms of illness, the child should be seen by a physician.

You may be contacted by the school nurse if your child presents to the nurse with any of these symptoms during the school day.

Please inform the school nurse when your child is under medical care for any contagious illness.

Absences will be coded as "medically excused" upon presentation of a note from a physician or licensed healthcare provider (MD/NP/PA)

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NURSING DEPARTMENT HEAD

\_\_10/17/22\_\_

DATE

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SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

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**NOTE:**

**APPROVED ABSENCES FROM CLASS - [Per the student handbook](#)**

1. School approved field trips and/or school activities.
2. Death in the family.
3. **Medical appointments (*Please note that a doctor's note is required within two days of the student's return to school verifying the appointment*).**
4. Medical dismissal by the **school nurse** during the school day.
5. Required court appearances: documentation is required within two days verifying the appointment.
6. Religious holidays.
7. Job shadow opportunities, Driver's test
8. Student college visits (seniors and second semester juniors - four per year). Seniors and second semester juniors will be afforded the opportunity to visit colleges. Four days will be approved if students provide written documentation from college admissions offices verifying their visit. This documentation must be presented the day the student returns to SMHS. Please note that students may also visit schools during their ten unchallenged absences each semester.
9. Field Trips or Exchange Trips: Students attending a field trip or exchange trip must secure the work which will be missed for the day(s) in advance. In the event of overnight trips, tests shall not be given during the first three days following students' return to school.

Medical appointment cards must be presented at time of the student's arrival to school.