

Common Communicable/Contagious Disease Guidelines for the 22-23 School Year *Updated August 17, 2022*

Children, faculty and staff members should stay home from school if they have a communicable or contagious disease. A communicable or contagious disease is one that can be spread by close contact with a person or object. Examples are: chickenpox, COVID-19, flu, vomiting, diarrhea, colds, strep throat and "pinkeye." A disease may be contagious before the child shows signs of illness. It is very hard to prevent the spread of some germs, especially in a school classroom. Good hand washing will help prevent the spread of germs. A fever is considered to be a body temperature at/above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit.

Please see our updated listing of [COVID-19 Related Response Practices](#) for the Ashwaubenon School District. It explains practices that will cease, continue, and/or begin for our school district.

Below is a list of common communicable or contagious diseases with our guidelines for identification, when a child, faculty or staff member will be sent home (or should stay home) from school and when a child, faculty or staff member may return to school:

- Chicken Pox (Varicella)
Stay home if the child, faculty or staff member has a fever. Child, faculty or staff member cannot return to school until all lesions are crusted or if immunized against chickenpox and have a mild infection with no crusts, once no new red bumps have appeared for at least 24 hours. Siblings may attend school or day nursery. PARENT/GUARDIAN WILL REPORT TO BROWN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WITHIN ONE BUSINESS DAY.
- Common Colds
Stay home if the child, faculty or staff member has a fever. Children, faculty or staff members may go to school if they feel well enough to take part in normal activities. COVID-19 testing is recommended to confirm that the illness is just a cold.
- Conjunctivitis (Pink-eye)
Infected people should be presumed contagious until eye discharge has resolved. Parents should minimize exposure by keeping their child home during this time if the child's behavior or environment is such that close contact with others cannot be avoided. If an antibiotic is prescribed by a health care provider the child, faculty or staff member can return 24 hours after start of treatment.

- COVID-19
If a child, faculty or staff member exhibits any combination of symptoms listed on the [Wisconsin Department of Health Services website](#), they will be sent home until they no longer are exhibiting symptoms (it is recommended - not required - that the person take a home COVID-19 test to determine whether or not they have the disease; exemption from need for testing: prior medical documentation that indicates the symptomatology is related to an existing health condition).

Positive cases will be excluded for a 5-day quarantine period (day zero is when positive person experiences symptoms onset; the 5-day period begins the next day also known as day 1). The child, faculty or staff member may return to school for days 6-10 if they have been fever free for 24 hours or are experiencing mild symptoms. It is recommended (not required) the individual wear a face mask for days 6-10 per guidelines from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. PARENT/GUARDIAN WILL REPORT TO BROWN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WITHIN ONE BUSINESS DAY.

- Diarrhea
Stay home until stool returns to normal and symptoms are gone for a minimum of 24 hours or as otherwise directed by the BROWN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT. Negative stool cultures are not required unless an outbreak occurs. It is recommended that parents contact their child's primary care provider for follow-up of prolonged diarrhea as there are a number of infections that may cause it, not just Shigella. Shigella requires 2 successive negative stool cultures, 24 hours apart and at least 24 hours after cessation of symptoms. DISTRICT WILL REPORT TO BROWN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IF 10% OR MORE OF CHILDREN AND/OR STAFF ARE AFFECTED.
- Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease
No exclusion is necessary unless the child, faculty or staff member does not feel well. DISTRICT WILL REPORT TO BROWN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IF 10% OR MORE OF CHILDREN AND/OR STAFF ARE AFFECTED.
- Impetigo
Stay home until 24 hours after treatment has been started and the lesions are covered or crusted. DISTRICT WILL REPORT TO BROWN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IF 10% OR MORE OF CHILDREN AND/OR STAFF ARE AFFECTED.
- Influenza
Stay home if the child, faculty or staff member has a fever. Person may report to school if they feel well enough to take part in normal activities. DISTRICT WILL REPORT TO BROWN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IF 10% OR MORE OF CHILDREN AND/OR STAFF ARE AFFECTED.
- Lice
The School District does not exclude attendance when the child, faculty or staff member is infected with lice. It is highly recommended that the parent contacts their child's medical provider for advice on what treatment to use and to start treatment before returning to school.

- Mononucleosis
No exclusion required unless a person has a fever (at which they should not be at school until the fever has subsided for 24-hours without the use of reducing medication).
- Ringworm
Stay home until after treatment has started.
- Scabies
Stay home until treatment has started. DISTRICT WILL REPORT TO BROWN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IF 10% OR MORE OF CHILDREN AND/OR STAFF ARE AFFECTED.
- Strep Throat (Streptococcal Sore Throat)
Stay home until 24 hours after treatment has started and the child, faculty or staff member is without fever for 24 hours.
- Whooping Cough (Pertussis)
Stay home until 5 days after treatment with antibiotic treatment has started and the child, faculty or staff member is feeling well, otherwise 3 weeks from date of onset. PARENT/GUARDIAN WILL REPORT TO BROWN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY.