



SCHOOL EXCLUSION POLICY

Policy:

The Ranches Academy policy states that students and staff members will be excluded from attending school in the event of the illnesses or conditions listed on the attached table.

Procedure:

Staff members and students will notify the school of any illness or condition listed on the following table. If the illness or condition is on the exclusion list, the person must comply with the set criteria before returning to school.

If a student comes to school with an illness or condition on the list, he or she will be isolated until a designated person can pick the student up. The student must comply with the set criteria before returning to school.

If a staff member comes to school with an illness or condition on the list, he or she will be asked to leave the school immediately. The staff member must comply with the set criteria before returning to school.

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Disease/Condition	Common Symptoms	Criteria to Return	Exclusion
Conjunctivitis, purulent (pink eye)	pink or red conjunctivae with white or yellow discharge, often with matted eyelids after sleep and eye pain or redness of the eyelids or skin surrounding the eye	Medical note	Exclude from school while symptomatic or until 24 hours after antibiotic treatment
Conjunctivitis, non-purulent	pink conjunctivae with a clear, watery eye discharge without fever, eye pain, or eyelid redness	Not applicable	No
Diarrhea	3 or more episodes of loose stools in a 24 hour period	Not applicable	Exclude from school until symptom free for 24 hours
E.coli 0157	nausea, vomiting, bloody diarrhea, and abdominal cramps	Medical note	Exclude until 24 hours without diarrheal stool
Fifth Disease	rash, characterized by "slapped face" appearance	Not applicable	No- pregnant women should seek medical advice
Giardia	diarrhea attributed to Giardia	Medical note documenting antimicrobial therapy	Exclude from school until treatment is complete and 24 hours of no diarrhea
Head Lice	head scratching, possibly visible nits	Medically approved treatment	Treatment complete and no visible nits
Hepatitis A	jaundice	Medical note	Exclude until 1 week after onset of jaundice or illness
Influenza-like illness	temperature of at least 100 (oral), with cough and/or sore throat	Parent note unless diagnosed as H1N1 virus. If H1N1 diagnosis is positive, a medical note is necessary	Exclude until at least 24 hours of no fever without fever reducing medicine
Measles	prodrome characterized by fever, reddened eyes, runny nose, cough and/or dusky-red blotchy rash on day 3 or 4	Medical note	Exclude until 4 days after onset of rash

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Meningitis, viral	high fever, headache, and stiff neck	Medical note	Until recovered
Mononucleosis	fever, sore throat, lymphadenopathy	Medical note to resume physical activities	No
Mumps	fever with swelling and tenderness of one or both parotid glands located below an din front of the ears	Medical note	Exclude until 5 days after onset of parotid gland swelling
Pertussis (whooping cough)	initial stage begins with URI symptoms and increasingly irritating cough. Paroxysmal stage is characterized by repeated episodes of violent cough broken by high pitched inspiratory whoop. Older children may not have a whoop.	Medical note	Exclude until 5 days of appropriate antibiotic therapy, unless diagnosed with pertussis past the infectious period (21 or more days after onset of cough)
Rubella (German measles)	slight fever, rash of variable character lasting about 3 days; enlarged head and neck lymph nodes; joint pain may occur	Medical note	Exclude for 7 days after onset of rash
Ringworm of the scalp	raised, itchy patch of skin on scalp; may be in a circular shape; may cause hair loss in affected area	Medical note documenting diagnosis and initiation of anti-fungal therapy	Exclude until anti-fungal therapy is initiated
Ringworm of the body	raised, itchy patch of skin; may be in a circular shape	Medical note	Exclude until treatment is initiated
Rotavirus	diarrhea and possible fever	Parent note stating diarrhea has stopped	Exclude until 24 hours without diarrheal stool
Salmonella, typhi type	fever, anorexia, lethargy, malaise, headache	Medical note	Exclude until 24 hours without diarrheal stool

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Scabies	itchy, raised areas around finger webs, elbows, armpits, beltline, and/or genitalia; extensive scratching	Medical note	
Shigella (Dysentery)	nausea, vomiting, bloody diarrhea, and abdominal cramps	Medical note	Exclude until 24 hours asymptomatic
Staphylococcal or streptococcal skin infections	honey crusted draining lesions, skin lesions with a reddened base	Medical note	Exclude students whose lesions cannot be covered until the student has received 48 hours of effective anti microbial treatment. if lesions can be covered, exclude from contact sports only.
Streptococcal (strep throat)	fever, sore throat, exudative tonsillitis or pharyngitis, enlarged lymph nodes. May also have a sand paper like rash	Medical note or parent note	Exclude until 24 hours after antibiotic treatment has been initiated and fever free
Tuberculosis	cough, chest pain, fever, night sweats, fatigue, and weight loss	Medical note	Exclude until the local health department and treating physician state the student is noninfectious
Varicella (Chickenpox)	slight fever with eruptions which become vesicular. Lesions occur in successive crops with several stages of maturity at the same time	Parent note	Exclude until all lesions have dried and crusted (usually 6 days after the onset of the rash)
Varicella Herpes Zoster (Shingles)	localized vesicular lesions	Parent note	Exclude until lesions are crusted unless lesions can be covered