



UTAH SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

PARENTS' GUIDELINES FOR KEEPING STUDENTS AT HOME

The following guidelines are to assist you in knowing when to keep your children home:

1. Temperature of 100.0 degrees or above.
2. Vomiting, nausea, acute diarrhea or severe abdominal pain.
3. Marked drowsiness.
4. Acute cold with fever and/or colored nasal discharge.
5. Red, inflamed or discharging eyes: until 24 hours after treatment is started by physician.
6. Strep throat: until 24 hours after antibiotic treatment started by physician.
7. Flu-like symptoms, (e.g., feverish, lethargic, feels very unwell).
8. Hepatitis A: student must stay home until the school nurse receives a copy of the physician's written medical release.
9. Any skin lesion or acute rashes: until diagnosed by physician as non-infectious and school nurse receives a copy of the written medical release.
10. Head lice: until after first treatment with a medicated product. (*Student must be nit free--no eggs on hair shaft--before returning to the dormitories.*) Student may need to follow-up with a second treatment.
11. Earache or discharging ear.
12. Any other symptoms which are suggestive of acute illness.
13. Operation, injury, hospitalization, or serious illness: through the recovery period and until the school nurse receives a copy of the physician's written medical release, including the physician's statement of diagnosis, prognosis, and instructions for school follow-up.
14. The Utah State School Immunization Law (53-A-11-301 through 53-A-11-303) states that no student can be included in school until parents provide the school with a certification of immunization or exemption as defined by the State Department of Health.

Parents should ask themselves "If my student were perfectly healthy, would I want him or her to sit next to a child with these symptoms?"

To maintain a healthy environment at the school, these same guidelines will be the criteria used to exclude a student from school. Parents are responsible to arrange appropriate care and transportation for the child who is ill.

STATE LAW IN COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL

According to the state law regarding the public health of persons attending public and private schools (UCA 26A-1-114), USDB may exclude from school attendance any person, including teachers, who is suffering from any communicable or infectious disease, whether acute or chronic, if the person is likely to convey the disease to those in attendance.