

Newcomb Central School

The following guidelines were made in collaboration with the schools medical director, Dr. Rider. These guidelines apply in addition to any COVID-19 protocols being followed.

- Students should remain home for a temperature greater than 100.3 degrees. Students need to be fever free for 24 hours without taking fever reducing medication prior to returning to school.
- Students should remain home for unexplained persistent (more than twice in 24 hours) vomiting or diarrhea. Students need to be symptom free for 24 hours prior to returning to school.
- Students should remain home after being diagnosed with strep infection. Students need to be on antibiotics for a minimum of 24 hours and fever free before returning to school.
- Students diagnosed with conjunctivitis should be taking eye drops for at least 24 hours prior to returning to school.
- Live head lice - students will not be excluded/sent home from school due to having head lice. Newcomb Central School head lice policy will be followed after identification of live head lice.
- Students should be excluded for wet, weeping wounds that are unable to be covered.
- Students with ringworm may attend school but will be excluded from activities that expose other students while still having an active infection. Ringworm lesions should be covered.
- Students who are experiencing illness that prevents them from participating comfortably in school activities or require a greater level of care than what can be provided safely at school should remain home.
- Students with illness that may pose a risk of spreading harmful disease to others should remain home.

Students will be referred to a health care provider for the following symptoms:

- Severe sore throat with fever/malaise that persists
- Frequent, congested (wet) or croupy cough, chest congestion or any signs of respiratory distress
- Headache with fever
- Red, painful, runny eyes
- Sores around eyelids that distract child from learning
- Honey-crusted or wet sores around nose or mouth
- Blood or pus draining from ear
- Palate petechiae or tonsillar pus
- Certain skin condition
 - Unexplained rash accompanied by other symptoms- fever, sore throat, vomiting