Halsey Schools Illness Policy

Would you like to keep your child from getting sick? We can all help keep the spread of illnesses down at school by keeping our children home when ill.

> **Catch 22**
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> **Fully 88 percent of moms are concerned about their kids being exposed to illnesses at school.**
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> **Yet 81 percent admit that they've sent their sick child to school.**

Your child becomes ill by catching viruses, (a.k.a. Germs, bacteria): from other children at school, from you (after getting something from work or elsewhere), from neighbors, from brothers and sisters, etc. Viruses are transferred: by touching others, breathing air born viruses, touching items with viruses on them etc. ***Colds are not caused by cold weather, exposure to cold, or changes in temperature. The ONLY way to catch a cold is to be infected by a virus.***

At Halsey Schools we help control the spread of viruses with regular cleaning and sanitizing of bathrooms, floors, carpets, toys, equipment etc. We, both teachers and children, wash our hands regularly throughout the day and always before we eat. *Did you know you can decrease your child's illnesses by as much as 50% by simply washing his or her hands before leaving schools, grocery stores, movie theaters, or other social gatherings?* It's true! So be sure to wash those hands!

The following are some common illnesses children contract. The right-hand column states our general policy on school attendance with these illnesses. Halsey Schools reserves the right to exclude a child from school at anytime for any reason, even if a doctor or other recommends otherwise. If your child visits a doctor, please ask for a return authorization note. Even with a note Halsey Schools reserves the right to refuse attendance at anytime for any reason. (If we have 3 or more children come down with something we pass out more information on the illness. More information is also available at iHalsey.com)

If your child is sent home with an illness <u>today</u> he/she will not be permitted back to school <u>tomorrow</u>.

Illness	Can my child come to school?
Chicken Pox	Must stay home until blisters have scabbed over. Six days to two weeks or more.
Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)	Must stay home for at least 24 hours after receiving doctor prescribed medication. There must be no eye discharge.
Diarrhea (2-3 times) and/or Vomiting that is/are not symptomatic of an illness.	Should stay home for 24 hours after symptoms stop as long as not symptomatic of an illness.
Fever - Any fever registering above 99 degrees, or any signs of a fever: warm touch, lethargy, sweating, chills...	Should stay home until fever is gone. Child must be fever free for 24 hours w/o being on any fever reducing medication before returning to school
Cold, CLEAR Runny Nose (Usually allergies) w/o any of the other illness signs	As long as the child is comfortable and "feeling up to it," he or she can attend. (The other children have already been exposed to the virus since symptoms do not appear until a few days after.)
Flu (aches, fever, vomiting/diarrhea, chills, etc)	Child must stay home for at least 24 hours after ALL symptoms have stopped.
Running nose with green or discolored discharge (May be a bacterial infection)	Must stay home for at least 24 hours after receiving doctor prescribed medication. May return if Doctor sends return authorization explaining the cause of discharge and confirming it is not contagious.
Strep Throat	Must stay home for at least 24 hours after receiving doctor prescribed antibiotics.
Hand, Foot & Mouth Disease (Rash/blisters)	Must stay home until blisters have scabbed over. Usually 2-3 days.
Croup	Must stay home until a doctor provides a return authorization.
Roseola and other rashes, blisters, etc.	Not permitted back to school until cleared by a doctor and Halsey staff. You must get a return authorization from the doctor. Never send your child to school with an unidentified rash.
Thrush (white patches inside the mouth)	Must stay home for 24 hours after being prescribed anti-fungal medication.

If your child will be out for any reason please call or email the school by 10:00 a.m.

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