STUDENT ILLNESS EXPECTATIONS

Dear Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s):

Now is a good time to review our expectations and procedures regarding students who are sick at school. All student absences to be considered excused must be communicated through either a signed written note from the parent/legal guardian or a phone call indicating the date, time, and reason for the student's absence or through an email. For a student enrolled in a CTE program, the student absence may be communicated to CTE through an email from the parent/legal guardian to CTE attendance at cteattendance@monroe2boces.org indicating the date, time, and reason for the student's absence.

If your student is sick, it is important to keep the student home from school. A student who is sick will not be able to perform well in school and is likely to spread the illness to other students and staff. Please make arrangements (if needed) for childcare ahead of time in the event your student needs to stay home.

Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES expects you will not send your student to school if the student is ill and has any of the following symptoms:

1. Fever or temperature of 100.4 or above in the past 24 hours;
2. Vomiting in the past 24 hours;
3. Diarrhea in the past 24 hours;
4. Severe sore throat;
5. Strep throat (must have been taking an antibiotic for at least 24 hours before returning to school);
6. Cold with a very runny nose or frequent cough (especially if it has kept the student awake at night);
7. "Pink eye" which must be treated with antibiotic eye drops for 24 hours before returning to school;
8. In addition to those listed above, ANY symptom of moderate to severe illness (fever, chills, shortness of breath, sore throat, loss of taste and/or smell, headache, excessive fatigue, muscle or body aches, other).

If your student comes to school ill or becomes ill while at school and the school nurse determines that they are too sick to remain in school or is contagious to other students, you will be called to pick up your student. The BOCES will not transport a sick student to their home. It is essential that your student's teacher has a telephone number in order to contact you in the event of an illness or emergency. An alternate contact telephone number is needed in the event that you cannot be reached. Please be sure to fill out the student contact information form(s) on page 1 of this packet. If any of these numbers change during the school year, please update the student contact information form(s) immediately.

These expectations are meant to serve as a guide in order to meet the needs of all the students in our program. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your student's classroom teacher.

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