



Greenfield Public Schools  
School Health Services

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please review the following health protocols and procedures concerning student health issues. The health and safety of your child is our number one priority. By adhering to the following practices we can promote the health and safety of your child and others by limiting undue exposure to disease and provide prompt, appropriate first aid and medical care in the case of an illness or emergency.

1. **Student Health Assessment Forms:** Please return your child's Health Assessment Form immediately, if you have not already done so. This form includes information on locating the parent/guardian or a designated person if your child is sick or injured at school. It also includes important student medical history and permissions for over-the-counter medications. This information is critical in case of an emergency.
2. Please remember to notify the school nurse and update your child's health assessment form as changes in your child's medical history, address, telephone numbers and/or designated emergency contacts occur throughout the school year.
3. Follow-up medical care of an injury or illness, beyond the care given by the school nurse, is the responsibility of the student's parent/guardian.
4. If a student becomes ill or injured at school, the school nurse will determine if the illness or injury should result in the child being sent home. If so, the parent/guardian will be notified to pick up their child. If a parent/guardian cannot be located, we will follow the information found on the school file and contact the designated emergency contact listed for your child.
5. **FEVERS:** please remember that if your child develops a fever (a temperature of 100 degrees F or higher), your child must stay home from school. ***Once your child's temperature has returned to normal (below 100 degrees F) for 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medication, your child may return to school.***
6. **DIARRHEA:** Please remember that if your child develops diarrhea, they must stay home. Once your child has been free from diarrhea for 24 hours, they may return to school. ***Your child must wait 24 hours from the last episode of diarrhea before they can return to school.***
7. **VOMITING:** Please remember that if your child develops vomiting, they must stay home. Once your child has been free of vomiting for 24 hours, he/she may return to school. ***Your child must wait 24 hours for the last episode of vomiting before he/she can return to school.***
8. If your child has a communicable disease, please notify the school. Other children or school staff who have been in contact with your child, may need to be notified.
9. In the case of communicable disease, illness and/or fever, the School Nurse has the authority to exclude students under the guidelines of the Department of Public Health. Readmission will be dependent upon compliance with the above guidelines.

Thank you for your assistance in promoting a healthy school environment.