

# When is your child too sick for school?



Daily attendance is one of the most powerful predictors of school success and on-time graduation. The Department of Education says children who are absent less than nine school days a year generally perform better in school. When you are deciding about when a child is too sick to go to school or not, use these guidelines to help.

## Send your child to school if...

They have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.



They haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours and haven't had a fever during that time.



They haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.



They don't feel great but have no other significant symptoms. They don't sleep well and are kind of tired.



## Keep your child home if...

They have a temperature greater than 100°F (even after taking medicine).



They throw up two or more times in a 24-hour period.



They have diarrhea – three or more watery stools in a 24-hour period.



Their eyes are pink and crusty.



They have a chronic cough and/or green nasal discharge.

