



VENERINI ACADEMY

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GUIDELINES FOR WHEN YOUR CHILD IS SICK

The following are some guidelines for determining whether or not to send your child to school. If you answer YES to any of these questions (situations which have occurred in the previous 24 hours), you must keep your child at home for comfort care and close monitoring:

- *Student has a fever 99 degrees F (underarm) or 100 degrees F (orally)
- *Student vomited at home after school, during the night, or in the AM before school
- *Student has unusual bowel movements: more frequent, loose or more watery than usual
- *Student has a frequent cough that is not controlled
- *Student awakened several times during the night, nose is draining much colored mucus, may be tugging on one ear, breathing is difficult due to nasal congestion or drainage
- *Student is rubbing at one or both eyes, eye is reddened and draining a thick mucus that sticks to eyelashes and lids
- *Student has an unusual rash, may or may not be itchy, may have areas of cracked skin that is bleeding

Your child is ready to return to his/her program when:

- *Temperature is normal for 24 hours **without** medication
- *No vomiting for 24 hours and eating a usual diet for age
- *Bowel movements are of a usual frequency & appearance and diet is usual for age for 24 hours
- *Cough is seldom or not at all
- *Nasal drainage is clear, only occasional and breathing is normal, no longer tugging at ear, slept well
- *No thick eye discharge reappears after proper face washing; or you contacted your MD for evaluation and is not contagious
- *Rash faded away or you contacted your MD for evaluation and is not contagious; bleeding has stopped or areas may be covered completely

If any of the above symptoms occur during school hours, then you will be called to dismiss your child early. Please be sure that anyone named on your Emergency Contact List is readily Available; you or they should be able to pick up the student within ½ hour of notification. We understand the mechanics of being a working parent. Plan ahead so you won't be stressed in the time of your child's need. Together we can keep the spread of illness at school to a minimum.

Thank you,

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