

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL

The Lone Oak Independent School District recognizes that on occasion a student will exhibit symptoms of contagious disease, body parasite, or other health condition, which might be detrimental to the individual or to the larger student population. A student who displays indications of possible contagion or body parasite shall be excluded from school attendance until such symptoms have abated or have been satisfactorily treated. The following guidelines as established by the Texas Department of Health shall be adhered to when excluding a student for health reasons.

A student with any of the following symptoms must be excluded from school until such time as the individual is free of the symptoms, has been satisfactorily treated, or submits a signed physician's statement that the condition is not contagious, that the condition is non-communicable in a school setting or that the person has recovered.

1. Fever of 100 degrees or greater (must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school without the use of fever reducing medications)
2. Diarrhea, nausea and/or vomiting. Must be diarrhea and vomit free for 24 hours before returning to school.
3. Pain and/or swelling at angle of jaw (pain in or behind ear that is aggravated by chewing, swallowing, or opening the mouth)
4. Red, draining eyes with purulent discharge or crusting
5. Scaly patches on scalp (possible ringworm)
6. Intense itching with evidence of open lesions or signs and symptoms of secondary infection
7. Open draining lesions
8. Blisters on skin that open and become covered with yellowish crust
9. Signs of jaundice
10. Undetermined rash over any part of the body
11. Head lice and/or nits of shaft of hair $\frac{1}{4}$ inch or less from the scalp

It shall be the responsibility of the Principal and school nurse to exclude from attendance any student having or suspected of having a communicable disease.

The Principal or his designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian that the student is to be excluded for health reasons

It shall be the responsibility of the parent or guardian to transport the student from school to home.

A student excluded from school attendance for reason of communicable disease may be readmitted by any of the following methods:

1. Presents a certificate from the attending physician attesting that the individual does not have a communicable disease or that the condition is non-communicable in a school setting, or to the person's recovery
2. Presents a permit for readmission issued by a local health authority
3. According to readmission criteria as established by the Commissioner of Health

The following disease require a physician's written certificate for readmission:

1. Diphtheria
2. HIV infection (If exclusion because measles, rubella, or chickenpox are occurring in the school, may return 2 weeks after the last rash onset of measles or 3 weeks after the last rash onset of chickenpox or rubella occur in the school)
3. Meningitis, bacterial
4. Poliomyelitis
5. Tuberculosis, pulmonary
6. Typhoid fever

School personnel shall follow The Texas Department of Health's guidelines for the general management of possible communicable diseases.