



## ***Communicable Disease Return Protocol***

All communicable disease return criteria is based on the guidance and regulation of the Texas Department of State Health Services (and also the CDC) and can be found, in detail, at this link:

[Click HERE - TX DSHS Communicable Disease Chart](#)

- Each student is allowed 5 parent-excused absences (by sending in a note of communication via email).
- Attendance notification (parent notes, COVID tests, doctor's notes, questions, etc.) should be emailed to:
  - **For Pre-K - 7th Grade:** [elms.attendance@tiogaisd.net](mailto:elms.attendance@tiogaisd.net)
  - **For 8th - 12th Grade:** [hsattendance@tiogaisd.net](mailto:hsattendance@tiogaisd.net)

### **COVID:**

- Must be 24 hours fever free (fever defined as 100.0 F or higher), without the use of fever-reducing medications.
- At least 24 hours free of vomiting and/or diarrhea.
- Overall improvement of symptoms (not all symptoms need to be fully resolved).
- Only the symptomatic student/staff need to remain home.
- **Masks:** Masks will remain optional however they are **highly recommended** (per CDC guidelines) **to be worn for 5 days after a positive case recovers and returns to school.**
- A picture of a positive home COVID test will excuse an absence for 1 day then a doctor's note or parent note will be needed for continued excusal.

### **STREP:**

- Must have been on Antibiotics for at least 24 hours.
- 24 hours fever free (fever defined as 100.0 F or higher), without the use of fever-reducing medications.
- At least 24 hours free of vomiting and/or diarrhea.

### **IMPETIGO/CHICKENPOX/SHINGLES:**

- Must be 24 hours fever free (fever defined as 100.0 F or higher), without the use of fever-reducing medications.
- Rash/blisters are dry and no longer oozing or can be covered fully by a bandage.

### **CONJUNCTIVITIS/PINK EYE:**

- Doctor's clearance for return or symptom free.
- 24 hours on antibiotics or symptom free.

### **FLU & any other illness:**

- Must be 24 hours fever free (fever defined as 100.0 F or higher), without the use of fever-reducing medications.
- At least 24 hours free of vomiting and/or diarrhea.
- Overall improvement of symptoms.
- Doctor's note or parent note required for excusal.