

TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

HERE'S HOW TO TELL



STAY HOME IF ...

Your child feels too sick for regular activities

Yellow or green pus appears

The temperature on an oral thermometer reads 100° F or higher (100.4° F for an ear, rectal or forehead temp)

You suspect flu – it spreads rapidly

Redness and itchiness affect all or most of your child's body

Your doctor suspects or diagnoses strep throat

Your child is vomiting or has uncontrollable diarrhea



GO BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER ...

Fever decreases and your child feels better

The amount of pus decreases; after using antibiotic eye drops for 24 hours

Body temperature reaches normal (98.6° F)

Fever has been gone for 24 hours

The rash is gone – or the doctor gives the OK

24 hours have passed since beginning antibiotics

Vomiting stops and your child has control of bathroom breaks



If your child's symptoms are persistent or severe, seek an evaluation by a health care provider. Learn more at Rainbow.org/AskRainbow.

Sources: American Academy of Pediatrics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention