



BROOKS DEBARTOLO
COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL

Parent Letter: Preventing the Spread of Contagious Illness

Dear Parents:

We are asking for your continued cooperation in assisting us with controlling the spread of contagious illness. Our goal is to make our school a healthy, safe place for both students and staff. If your child becomes ill during school hours, we will contact you immediately. You are expected to arrange for your child to be picked up **as quickly as possible** after receiving our call. Our school clinic is not equipped or staffed to handle ill children for long periods of time.

Please do not send your child to school if any of the following symptoms are present:

1. Vomiting or diarrhea within the last 24 hours
2. Fever \geq 100.4 within the last 24 hours
3. Very sore throat
4. Persistent cough
5. Swollen, itchy eyes with thick discharge or redness to the whites of the eyes
6. Rash unrelated to a chronic skin condition
7. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
8. Excessive mucus from the nose (runny nose) or sneezing unrelated to environmental allergies

Your child may return to school when all signs/symptoms have resolved **without the use of medication**, or when your physician provides a written statement indicating your child is ready to return.

If your child is sick, please call and tell us the nature of the illness and when we can expect his/her return to school.

If telephone numbers or other information on your child's emergency card changes, please notify us promptly. The information on this card is vital for the safety and well-being of your child.

Thank you for working with us.

Sincerely,

