**Delbarton School Illness Policy 2022-23**

**Students should stay home if they are ill.** Parents should contact the Receptionist and/or the School Nurse and with details about the illness-related absence and/or COVID-19 diagnosis, testing or exposure. School nurse Deirdre McAuliffe can be reached at 973-539-3231, x 3080.

**Symptoms and Conditions Requiring Absence from School**

* Temperature above 100.0 F, with or without the presentation of fatigue/body aches/chills/rigors, headache.
* Respiratory symptoms: cough, congestion, runny nose, sore throat, shortness of breath, not appearing be related to allergies or asthma.
* Gastrointestinal symptoms: diarrhea, vomiting, or severe nausea.
* Contagious infections requiring antibiotic treatment e.g., Strep throat or pink eye
* Undiagnosed, new, and/or untreated skin rash or condition
* Doctor’s note requiring an individualized plan of care to stay home due to medical concerns.

Students with respiratory symptoms, such as cough or sneezing, or who have a fever, may be asked to wear a mask while being evaluated, while awaiting picked up by a parent or guardian to go home.

**Procedure for returning to school**

* A student may return to school 24 hours after symptoms, such as cough, sore throat, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, or respiratory illness have resolved. A student sent home due to illness may not return to school the following day.
* A student diagnosed with flu, mono, or COVID-19 may return to school on the advice of their medical provider, and **must provide a note with their recommendation**.
* For other contagious infections, such as strep throat, conjunctivitis, impetigo, MRSA or conjunctivitis, a student must stay home for the first 24 hours following antibiotics and at least 24 hours since last fever without medication.
* A student absent for 3 or more days **MUST** have a doctor’s note to return to school.

This policy may be revised, depending on Morris Township or New Jersey Dept. of Health mandates, vaccination coverage and community transmission or local outbreaks.

Please notify the school nurse of injuries requiring medical attention, especially orthopedic injuries and concussions, so teachers may be notified of accommodations. Delbarton has secondary insurance that may assist with medical bills not covered by a student’s primary insurance policy.