Conditions for Short Term Exclusion and Absences
(Reference: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Infectious Disease in School Settings)

The following are some common health conditions for which a student will not be permitted in school; less common conditions are not listed.

- **Cough**: severe uncontrolled coughing or wheezing, difficulty breathing, red or blue color to face with cough, high pitched whooping sound with coughing or vomits after coughing.

- **Diarrhea**: when accompanied by symptoms of illness, when it contains blood or mucus, when the child is in diapers, or when stools are so loose they can’t be controlled by the child. May return to school 24 hours after last episode of diarrhea.

- **Fever illness**: Temperature greater than 101°F (oral) with signs of illness. Temperature should be back to normal for 24 hours prior to return to school without the aid of fever reducing medications.

- **Flu symptoms**: Elevated temperature (>100°F) or fever (>101°F) and sore throat, cough, runny nose, body aches, vomiting or diarrhea. Stay home from school until fever or symptoms of fever are gone for 24 hours without the aid of medications.

- **General illness**: with or without fever, along with changes in behavior and/or the student looks and acts sick, which the health department defines as a student who is not able to participate comfortably in his/her usual activities or if the student has persistent crying or requires more care than school personnel are able to provide.

- **Headache**: when severe and accompanied by additional symptoms like vision changes, stiff neck or behavior changes.

- **Impetigo**: until 24 hours after treatment is started.

- **Jaundice or unusual color to skin, eyes, stool or urine**: until a medical exam indicates the student does not have hepatitis A.

- **Mouth sores**: if the child is drooling uncontrollably.

- **Infectious conjunctivitis**: (pink eye) with or without purulent discharge (bacterial or viral), until approved for return by health care provider or school nurse (may return 24 hours after treatment or when symptoms are no longer present).

- **Rash**: When there is rash with a fever, symptoms of illness, behavior change or the rash is oozing or causes open wounds—exclude until the origin of the rash has been deemed by the physician to be non-contagious in nature.

- **Signs of possible severe illness** (including but not limited to persistent crying, extreme irritability, severe or uncontrolled coughing, difficulty breathing, persistent wheezing, or lethargy).

- **Strep throat, scarlet fever, or other strep infection**: until 24 hours after treatment started and the child no longer has a fever.

- **Vomiting**: when this occurs more than two times in 24 hours, occurs once and is accompanied by symptoms of illness, is the result of a head injury, or if the vomit appears bloody. May return to school 24 hours after last episode of vomiting.