

La Harpe Community School District #347

Student Illness and Fever

Dear Parents and Guardians,

To help keep all students and staff healthy, La Harpe CUSD #347 follows the **Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)** guidelines and the Board of Education policy **7:280 – Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease**.

When a Student Must Stay Home or Go Home

A student must not attend school and will be sent home if they:

- Have a **temperature of 100.4 °F (38 °C) or higher**
- Are **vomiting or have diarrhea**
- Have an **undiagnosed rash**
- Show signs of a **communicable illness** (such as pink eye, strep throat, or COVID-19–like symptoms).

This follows IDPH School Health Guidance (2024), which defines a fever as:

*“An oral temperature of **100.4 °F or higher** is considered a fever. Students should be excluded from school until they are fever-free for at least **24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication**.”*

When Students Can Return

Students may return to school when they:

- Have been **fever-free for 24 hours** (without medication)
- Have been **symptom-free for 24 hours** (vomiting or diarrhea)
- Are **well enough to participate** in normal classroom activities.

These steps protect all children and staff from the spread of illness and maintain a safe, healthy learning environment.

References:

- La Harpe CUSD #347 Board Policy Manual – Section 7:280, *Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease*
 - Illinois Department of Public Health – *School Health Guidelines (2024)*
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