

UME Preparatory Academy
Communicable Disease, Injury, and Illness Policy
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Definitions

1. Communicable disease – an illness that can be transmitted from one person to another.
2. Illness – a change or decline in well-being that inhibits performance of daily activities.
3. Injury – sustained physical damage that inhibits performance of daily activities.

Symptoms warranting dismissal from school

1. Communicable disease and illness
 - a. Fever – a temperature of 100.0 or greater while at school or within 24 hours of school day.
 - b. Vomit – student has episode(s) of vomit while at school or within 24 hours of the school day.
 - c. Diarrhea – student experiences two episodes of diarrhea during school hours, is unable to control bowel movements, is experiencing recurring diarrhea within 24 hours of the school day.
 - d. Eye discoloration – student with discoloration to eyes will be evaluated for suspected conjunctivitis.
 - e. Undiagnosed skin rash – student has suspicious rash on skin that is potentially contagious.
 - f. Head Lice – presence of lice in hair, siblings will also need evaluation.
 - g. Suspected bacterial meningitis – student experiencing a stiff neck along with any of the following symptoms: headache, vomit, nausea, fever, sensitive to light, confusion.
 - h. Any other symptoms administration deems as potentially infectious and/or harmful to the student in question without obtaining appropriate care.
2. Injury
 - a. Obtained off school campus that has been untreated and is deemed a risk to student safety and well-being.
 - b. Obtained on school campus that is a risk to student safety and well-being if appropriate care is not received in a timely manner.

Criteria for readmission to school

1. Communicable disease and illness
 - a. Fever, vomit, diarrhea – symptom free for 24 hours without the use of medication to alleviate symptoms.
 - b. Eye discoloration, undiagnosed rashes, suspected bacterial meningitis – physician evaluation and written approval to return to school.
 - c. Administration reserves the right to request written approval from a physician to readmit student to campus when deemed in the best interests of student and campus safety.
2. Injury
 - a. Student recovery enables them to perform daily student activities without impairment or risk to their safety and well-being.
 - b. Student accommodations and activity restrictions – if the nature of the injury requires accommodations and/ or restrictions from daily campus activities a written approval from the treating physician must be provided to the school and include the following:
 - ✓ Nature of injury
 - ✓ Specific signs or symptoms of complications to injury
 - ✓ Accommodations and/ or restrictions (example: no PE, student escort, extra time between classes)
 - ✓ Duration of accommodations and/ or restrictions
 - ✓ Termination of accommodations and/ or restrictions – by physician order or at end of duration

Procedures for dismissal from school

1. Student will be evaluated by school nurse and/ or staff. Evaluating staff member will call parents from school phone if dismissal required. No calls will be made directly by student or from their personal phones.
2. If student requires dismissal they will remain in the office under supervision until parent or approved transportation arrives.

Changes to policy and administrative decisions

1. The school may make changes to the policy, procedures, and any related documents at any time in order to comply with Federal and Texas law and/or to better meet the needs and safety of the students as is deemed necessary.
2. The school administration reserves the right to dismiss students for any illness and injury not mentioned above if student safety and well-being is at risk while remaining on campus.