

HOMESTEAD CLINIC GUIDELINES

ABSENCES- When your child will not be in school, it is imperative that you notify the school prior to 8:30 a.m. the day of the absence. The school is obligated to call on all absences not called into school. This is done for your child's safety as well as your peace of mind. If your child has three absences in a row or more you will need to provide a physician's note with your child upon return to school. The Homestead attendance line phone # is: **720-554-3795**. Report all diagnosed cases of communicable diseases, Influenza or Strep Throat to the attendance line or school nurse. Please do not refer to a stomach virus as the flu on the attendance line.

ILLNESS, WHEN TO STAY HOME-

Fever-anything over 101 degrees, your child should stay home and not return to school until fever free (without medication) for 24 hours.

Vomiting/Diarrhea- with or without fever, child should stay home until symptom free for 12-24 hours.

Strep Throat- child should remain home until on medication for 24 hours.

Cough-severe, uncontrolled coughing or wheezing, having trouble breathing, becoming red or blue in the face, making high-pitched whooping sounds after coughing, or vomiting after coughing is a reason for your child to stay home.

MEDICATION- cannot be taken at school unless given by the nurse. District policy requires that medicine be provided in the original container with the prescription label, accompanied by doctor and parent signatures on all medication forms. These forms are available in the clinic. Over the counter medication can only be given with parental permission accessed through the online parent forms. Do not send medications in your child's lunchbox or backpack for them to take at school. These medications could end up in the hands of the wrong student and cause severe allergic reactions. Cough drops are no longer allowed at school nor distributed by health clinics.

ILLNESS AT SCHOOL- Child may stay in the health office until parent arrives. Please keep your emergency information updated to assure that when your child is sick or injured we will be able to contact you.

HEALTHY HABITS- promote healthy children. Please assist your children in selecting a well-balanced breakfast/lunch in order to feed their brain and get the most out of their learning experience. Children often times have a stomach ache or headache and frequently the cause is because they did not eat before school.

If you have any questions you may call the clinic directly at 720-554-3708 or email our school nurse at jlaughlin@cherrycreekschools.org.