



November 22nd, 2019

Dear Families,

The winter season is a wonderful time of the year; however, it is also when illnesses tend to peak. The Health Office assists students and staff when they are ill, while also practicing the prevention of spreading anything contagious. We would like to remind parents of our school's policy on illness.

If your child has any of the following symptoms, they must stay home for 24 hours symptom free (without medication control):

- Fever
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea

The flu shot protects against influenza, but not stomach flus such as Enterovirus and Norovirus. The stomach flu spreads rapidly in classrooms and results in staff and student absences. In addition, if your child has been diagnosed with Strep throat they must be on **antibiotics for 24 hours** before returning to school.

We know it's difficult for some families to keep their children at home during working hours; however, we must maintain our school protocol to protect everyone in our environment. If you have any questions, you can refer to the policy on www.prairieschool.com/health-office-information or call me in the Health office at 262-752-2660.

Have a safe and healthy holiday!

Sincerely,

Courtney Brady, RN