

A child should stay home from school when he/she has:

- Fever (100.4 or higher): Stay out until fever-free for 24 hours with no medication
- Vomiting: Stay out until free from vomiting for 24 hours with no medication
- Diarrhea (more than one time): Stay out until free from diarrhea (or loose stool) for 24 hours with no medication
- Covid: 5 days out and 5 days with mask if no symptoms
- Strep: May return if no fever after being on prescription medication for 24 hours
- Flu: Stay out until symptom-free for 24 hours with no medication; signs may include being weak and tired.
- Coughing: Stay out until coughing does not disrupt normal activity.
- Wheezing or shortness of breath
- Earache, headache, or sore throat
- Green discharge from eye(s)
- A new, unexplained rash; check with your healthcare provider

When to Stay Home from School with COVID-19 Symptoms (Children's Healthcare of Atlanta)

The best way to prevent the spread of a COVID-19 infection is to avoid exposure to others, especially if your child is showing symptoms of COVID-19.

- **Keep your child home if he shows the following COVID symptoms:**
 - Fever that is not responsive to fever-reducing medications
 - Sore throat
 - Shortness of breath from continued coughing
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever
 - Diarrhea, vomiting or abdominal pain
 - Congestion
 - Behavior that is not normal for your child