



## SCHOOL HEALTH POLICY

### SOME REASONS TO KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME:

1. A Temperature of 100.4F or Greater within a 24 Hour Period. A child with this kind of temperature is considered to be ill and may be contagious. For the child's comfort and to prevent spreading illness, children will not be permitted in school with a temperature of 100.4 or higher.
2. Persistent/Disruptive Cough. This type of cough may not only be contagious but is also disruptive to other students in the classroom.
3. Lice/Nits. If a child is known to have a lice infestation, he or she will not be permitted in school until he/she is nit free. Any child with lice must be treated along with their environment and be nit free before returning to the classroom.
4. Chicken Pox. A student with chicken pox may return to school after the lesions are scabbed over and all coughing has subsided.
5. Untreated Strep Throat. A beefy red throat with white patches or ulcerations characterize strep throat and is usually present but not always. Strep is very contagious and potentially can cause serious complications. If your child complains of a sore throat, this may warrant a throat culture at your doctor's office. If your child is found to have strep throat, he or she may return to school after having been treated for 24 hours and if no fever is present.
6. Unexplained or Undiagnosed Rashes. It is very difficult to determine whether rashes are contagious. For this reason, we must have a note from your doctor stating that your child is noncontagious before being permitted to attend school if he/she has a rash.
7. Vomiting and or Diarrhea. Obviously, any child should be kept home if vomiting or actively having diarrhea. Diarrhea is defined as frequent liquid stools that can be uncontrollable.
8. Conjunctivitis or "Pink Eye". Conjunctivitis is very contagious. The sclera (white of eye) is pink and glassy in appearance with purulent drainage. In the morning, the eye is typically glued closed. The student will be permitted to return to school after being medicated for the condition and if there is no drainage present.
9. Very young children, especially those in pre-school, with green nasal drainage are very contagious because they are not able to effectively remove this drainage. They wipe their secretions with their little hands and pass on germs to other children via the toys and objects they touch in their environment. Keep them home until their nasal drainage is clear in color.

***Your cooperation is appreciated. This policy applies to all students and protects all of the children. For questions, please call the office at 667-7745.***



**OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

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### MEDICATION POLICY

Only medication prescribed by a physician and medication listed on the **Over-the-Counter Medication** form will be administered during school hours by the staff at Open Door Christian Academy. Prescription medication must be brought to the school by the parent in a current container that meets pharmaceutical standards. Parental and physician authorization must be documented on the **Physician and Parental Authorization** forms before medication will be administered, without exception. Over-the-Counter (OTC) medication cannot be administered by Open Door Christian Academy staff other than the medication listed on the **Over-the-Counter Medication** form. A parent must administer any other OTC medication to their own child and report this medication administration to the appropriate office personnel. **Children shall not carry medication on their person, in lockers, book bags or lunch boxes on school grounds unless ordered by the physician and O.K.'d by the school office (i.e. inhalers, Epipens).**