

Illness Send-Home Chart

Send Home Immediately

Symptom/Condition	Send Home?	Return Requirements
Fever (100°F+ forehead/axillary or 100.5°F+ ear)	✓ YES	Fever-free for 24 hours WITHOUT medication
Vomiting	✓ YES	24 hours vomit-free
Diarrhea	✓ YES	24 hours symptom-free and stool controlled
Difficulty breathing	✓ YES	Medical evaluation may be required
Severe cough	✓ YES	Able to participate comfortably
Unexplained rash	✓ YES	Cleared or non-contagious
Pink eye with drainage	✓ YES	Medication started or cleared
Head lice	✓ YES	After treatment/nits removed
Severe lethargy	✓ YES	Able to participate normally
Uncontrolled crying/distress	✓ YES	Symptoms improved
Contagious illness	✓ YES	Per illness policy/provider guidance
Severe allergic reaction	🚒 911	Medical clearance required

Monitor Closely/May Require Send Home

Symptom/Condition	Monitor or Send Home?	Notes
Mild cough/runny nose	👁️ Monitor	If child can participate comfortably
Fatigue/not acting themselves	👁️ Monitor	Send home if worsening
Minor rash with known cause	👁️ Monitor	Watch for spreading or discomfort
Teething symptoms only	👁️ Monitor	Fever is NOT considered teething
Single loose stool	👁️ Monitor	Watch for additional symptoms

Automatic Exclusion Situations

Situation	Action
Child cannot participate comfortably	Send home
Symptoms require one-on-one care beyond staffing ability	Send home
Symptoms pose risk to others	Send home
Child requires care that compromises supervision	Send home