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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Meriden Health Department has issued the following guidelines regarding childhood illnesses, which are required to be followed by all students in the Meriden Public Schools.

Thank you for your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines. Together we can help to keep our students healthy, in school and ready to learn.

- Children with a temperature of 100 or higher will be dismissed home.
- Children with a confirmed diagnosis of the D68 virus are required to have a letter from their physician clearing them to return to school.
- A child sent home with a fever must be fever-free, without fever-relieving medication, for 24 hours prior to returning to school.
- A child sent home for vomiting and/or diarrhea needs to be symptom-free for 24 hours prior to returning to school.
- A child who has been diagnosed with a communicable infection (strep throat, scabies, ringworm, pink-eye, etc.) is required to be on medication for 24 hours prior to returning to school.
- A child who has 2 consecutive episodes of diarrhea in school will be dismissed and cannot return to school until symptom-free for 24 hours.
- A child with a rash will be excluded from school and cannot return without a letter from a physician clearing them to return to school.
- A child who is unable to participate in gym must have a gym excuse from a physician.
- A child who has been excused from gym by a physician cannot return to normal gym activities without a note from the physician.
- A child diagnosed with the chicken pox may return to school 5-7 days after onset of rash and when lesions are dry/crusted over.

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