

Chesapeake Public Schools Fever Protocol

General Information: A fever is defined as an elevated body temperature, usually an oral thermometer reading of 100.4° F or higher. Fever is a physiological response to an infection, which probably helps the body's defense mechanism. Fever may indicate a contagious illness.

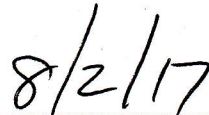
Physical Findings: Oral temperature 100.4° F or higher with one or more accompanying symptoms:

- Headache
- Watery, red eyes, and nose
- Cough
- Skin rash
- Sore throat
- Nausea/vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Aching all over

Management: Student should be sent home when an oral thermometer reading is 100.4° F or higher and other symptoms are assessed. Recommend follow up medical care. Student should not return to school until they have been fever free (below 100.4° F) for 24 hours **without** the use of medication. It is recommended the student see the school nurse upon return to school, before interacting with other students in the classroom.



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