

Memo: Attention Parents  
Re: Strep Infections and Scarlet Fever  
From: School Nurse

The most common strep infection I school age children is strep throat. A sore throat is not always a strep infection, but this must always be considered, because if strep throat is not related it could lead to scarlet fever or rheumatic fever.

Symptoms of strep throat are fever, sore throat, headache, nausea and vomiting.

If your child has been diagnosed with strep throat, he/she will be treated with an antibiotic for up to 10 days. All medication must be taken even though symptoms have subsided. Twenty-four (24) hours after treatment has begun your child may return to school, if they have been free of fever for a 24-hour period.

If you have any questions, please call your school health service. Please notify the school nurse/office if your child has strep throat.