



**CHESAPEAKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HEALTH SERVICES PROTOCOL**

FEVER

GENERAL INFORMATION:

A fever is defined as an elevated body temperature, usually an oral thermometer reading of 100.4 degrees 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 degrees 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 degrees 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 degrees F) for 24 hours.

It is recommended that upon return to school the school nurse should see the student.

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