

Illness Guidelines

CHICKEN POX/VARICELLA/SHINGLES

- Any individual who has chicken pox/shingles **MUST** be excluded from school until all pox/shingles are scabbed over and no new ones are erupting, usually 7-10 days if not previously immunized.

CONJUNCTIVITIS/PINK EYE

- Any individual with bacterial conjunctivitis must be excluded from school until evaluated and cleared by a licensed professional.
- The individual will be allowed to return to school after completing 24 hours of prescribed medication.

FEVER

- Using temperature of 100 F as a reference.
- Any individual may return to school when fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications (i.e. tylenol, advil, ibuprofen...)

HEAD LICE (Pediculosis)

- Students found to have nits or live lice will be sent home from school.
- A no nit policy will be followed at Peru Central School.
- Students must be evaluated by the school nurse **BEFORE** returning to the classroom. Ideally, the child should be brought to school by the parent and not ride the bus.

STREP THROAT

- Any individual with a positive culture for strep throat must be excluded from school until after completing 24 hours of a prescribed antibiotic.

WHOOPIING COUGH/PERTUSSIS

- Any individual with a clinically diagnosed or laboratory confirmed case of pertussis should not attend school until completing five days of the appropriate antibiotic treatment.
- All other questionable cases will be reviewed by the school nurse on an individual basis. When necessary, the school physician and/or the Health Department will be consulted for guidance.