

Dear Parents,

We have seen an increase in student/faculty illness. I am writing this letter to remind you to please keep your child home if he/she is ill. These are some signs and symptoms to be aware of:

1. A fever of 100 degrees or more
2. Persistent coughing or sneezing
3. Runny nose; sore throat; red itchy eyes
4. Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
5. Any deviation from the normal health status of your child

We are also working on good hand washing at school. Hopefully you will reinforce this at home.

I also wanted to make you aware of a new immunization for Pertussis, called ACIP, for ages 18-64 years. There were approximately 24 cases of pertussis in Santa Barbara County this year. This can be a very serious disease for infants and those with compromised immune systems. The symptoms may not be so severe for adults or older children. However, they may be carriers and infect those for whom the disease could be more serious. Please check with your physician regarding this new immunization.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Nurse Sue & Nurse Sheri