

Fever

Normal body temperatures typically range from 97.6 to 99.6 degrees orally; however, temperatures can fluctuate during the day or with specific activities. Most references agree that an oral temperature greater than 100 degrees is a low-grade fever. Fevers are a symptom and the underlying cause of the fever should be determined. Most often, fevers are caused by infections.

The protocol for responding to cases of fever is as follows:

- 1. Any child with a temperature greater than 100 degrees will be excluded from school.***

Any child who is excluded from school due to fever should have a temperature within the normal range (less than 100 degrees) for 24 hours without taking Tylenol (Acetaminophen) or Advil (Ibuprofen) prior to returning to school.

References for information on this topic include the following:

KidsHealth.org, Larissa Hirsch, MD, Aug 2009.

State of Delaware, Department of Education, School Nursing: Technical Assistance Manual (Feb 2006), Section C, p. 43.