



Brownsville Independent School District

Health Services

Clinic Guidelines for Sending Student Home

Purpose:

The **school nurse** supports student success by providing health care through assessment, intervention, and follow-up for all children within the **school** setting. The **school nurse** addresses the physical, mental, emotional, and social health needs of students and supports their achievement in the learning process.

Procedure:

A **Medical Referral**, to include complete vital signs, **MUST BE** given to parent if a student is sent home from the nurse office.

For the protection of all the students, the following rules have been set up and will be followed at all times. A child will be sent home with the following:

- Fever $>100^{\circ}$
- Trouble breathing with dry persistent cough
- Diarrhea
- Suspected contagious disease,
- Feels too ill to remain in school
- Vomiting
- Any injury that is suspected of requiring physician evaluation
- Any medical concerns at the nurses' discretion.
- Any open wound that cannot be covered.

The nurse will contact the parents/guardian to inform them of the need to pick the student up from school. The nurse will follow up with parent/guardian the next day on any student sent home unless the medical referral is returned with physician clearance to return to school. The student must be symptom free (without medication) for 24 hours, before returning to school.