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Do you have to provide a medical certificate to the school if your child is sick?

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You must provide a medical certificate only if your child has an illness **contagious**.

These diseases include:

- Pertussis
- Diphtheria
- Meningococcal meningitis
- Poliomyelitis
- Measles, mumps, rubella
- Group A haemolytic streptococcal infections
- Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers
- Tinea
- Respiratory tuberculosis
- Pediculosis (unless treated)
- Amebic or bacillary dysentery
- Scabies
- Epidemic influenza syndrome
- Hepatitis A
- Impetigo (and other pyoderma)
- Varicella infection

If your child has a contagious disease, you must provide the medical certificate to the school **as soon as you return to class** of your child.

Statute and miscellaneous references ^

Circular No. 2004-054 of 23 March 2004 on the monitoring and promotion of attendance by pupils subject to compulsory education (<https://www.education.gouv.fr/bo/2004/14/MENE0400620C.htm?lang=en>)

Order of 3 May 1989 on the duration and conditions of eviction in cases of contagious diseases (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/id/JORFTEXT000000705286/?lang=en>)

Practical Guide: Early Childhood Community and Infectious Diseases (PDF - 207.5 KB)

(https://www.ameli.fr/sites/default/files/Documents/4900/document/collectivites-maladies-infectieuses_assurance-maladie.pdf?lang=en)

Online services and forms ^

When to provide a medical certificate for a child in nursery, school, middle school or high school?
(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R69654?lang=en>)

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Additional topics ^

Health in middle school and high school (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F197?lang=en>)

Service Public

Primary school health (kindergarten or elementary) (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1879?lang=en>)

Service Public

Sick students: welcome to school (<https://www.education.gouv.fr/eleves-malades-l-accueil-l-ecole-2615?lang=en>)

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