

# Mid-Prairie Health Services

## Absence

Children should be fever-free for twenty-four hours without the aid of medication, before returning to school following an illness. Also, children need to stay home for twenty-four hours following any episode of vomiting or diarrhea. We realize that this, at times, may inconvenience families, but it is better for the child in the long run. ***If your child will not be attending school for any reason please notify the school office by 9:00 a.m. that morning.*** This is for the safety of the children.

## Cooler Weather

As the weather gets cooler, it is important for students to have jackets and appropriate warm clothing. The students go out for recess each day and with the weather changes throughout the day, it is best to dress students in layers. If you are in need of a winter coat, Kalona United Methodist Church in Kalona is holding a FREE coat giveaway from 9 am-12 pm on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

### Save the date!

<b>Saturday, Oct. 21st</b> Coat giveaway at Kalona United Methodist Church from 9-12 AM.	<b>Saturday, Oct. 21st</b> Mid-Prairie Color Run: Registration- 3:30 PM at the Middle School.
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## Head Lice Policy

The Mid-Prairie School District health services follow the recommendations of the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) in the event of head lice. Routine classroom screenings for head lice will not occur. Parents are encouraged to regularly screen their children for lice. It should be assumed that head lice are in the community and schools at all times.

Children will not be excluded from school if found with head lice. Head lice can be a nuisance but research shows they do not spread disease or illness.

For more detailed information of the remainder of the recommendation from the IDPH please contact an administrator or the school nurse.