

Reminder: The following excerpt from the 2017-2018 BC District Handbook explains the district's attendance policy.

1. ***Medically-excused Illness:** Absences which are medically excused will not be counted toward attendance limits if the parents/legal guardians provide the school with a written doctor's excuse signed by the doctor or nurse practitioner within 48 hours of the student's return (weekend days excluded), which lists the specific dates in question. Additionally, in order to be excused, the doctor's visit must be for the student. Absences for doctor/hospital visits for parents, siblings, or other relatives will be unexcused unless prior approval from the building administrator is received.*

Please note, for a student's absence to be deemed "medically excused," the doctor or nurse practitioner must specifically state in the communication that the student is being excused by the medical provider for the dates in question. Excuses received from the medical provider that merely state that the parent has reported illness to the provider will not be accepted as valid excuses. Medical providers' communication to the school must indicate that medical opinion has been utilized and **that the provider is excusing the absence based on his/her professional judgement.**