



ILLNESS POLICY

It is recommended that a child be kept home or should be sent home if he/she displays any of the following symptoms:

Fever accompanied by behavioral changes or other symptoms: Any child with an elevated temperature of greater than 101°F orally or 100°F axillary is excluded until fever-free without acetaminophen or ibuprofen for 24 hours and can comfortably participate in all program activities.

Vomiting: Child is excluded until there is no vomiting for 24 hours.

Diarrhea: Child is excluded until symptoms have disappeared.

Conjunctivitis (pinkeye): If the physician has determined the cause of the conjunctivitis to be infectious and requires treatment, child is excluded until medication has been administered for 24 hours.

Coxsackie virus (hand, foot, & mouth disease): Child is excluded until fever-free without acetaminophen or ibuprofen for 24 hours and can comfortably participate in the program.

Fifth disease: Child is excluded until fever-free without acetaminophen or ibuprofen for 24 hours and can comfortably participate in the program.

Impetigo: Child is excluded until blisters are gone, rash is dry, and he/she has been on medication for at least 24 hours.

Chickenpox: Child is excluded until blisters have formed scabs, child is fever-free without acetaminophen or ibuprofen for 24 hours and can comfortably participate in the program.

RSV (respiratory syncytial virus): Child is excluded until fever-free without acetaminophen or ibuprofen for 24 hours, is free of any breathing difficulties, and can comfortably participate in the program.

Strep throat/scarlet fever: Child is excluded until he/she has received at least 24 hours of antibiotics, has been fever-free without acetaminophen or ibuprofen for 24 hours, and can comfortably participate in the program.

Head lice: Child is excluded until he/she has been treated with lice-specific medicated shampoo, rinse, or lotion as directed. Child will be checked daily for up to 2 weeks for evidence of new infection.

Ringworm: Child is excluded until treatment from pediatrician has begun and infected area begins to shrink.

Thrush: If physician has determined that treatment is required, child will be excluded until treatment begun.

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Please keep in mind that this is only a guideline. If we feel that your child cannot fully participate in the program and requires a level of care that could jeopardize the health and safety of others in the classroom, you will be notified to pick up your child. We ask that you do so within one hour of our request. Also, if your child is not vaccinated, your child may be excluded for up to three weeks or longer in the event of the presence of any communicable disease.

Parents will be notified for any unexplained rashes, complaints, or ailments. Parents are asked to report any known exposure to a contagious disease for the protection of others, especially pregnant mothers. Please see management for detailed descriptions of the above-named illnesses.

These guidelines have been reviewed by our Health Consultant.

Parent/Guardian (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____