

Management of Communicable Disease/Communicable Disease

Children will be immediately isolated and discharged to parents who exhibit the following symptoms and, whether or not seen by a doctor, will be excluded for 48 hours after the child is picked up from school.

- He/she has been diagnosed with a viral infection.
- Diarrhea (more than one abnormally loose stool) or in combination with any other symptom. If the diarrhea precedes the administration of an antibiotic, a doctor's note will **NOT** be accepted.
- Vomiting (more than once) or in combination with any other symptom.
- Temperature of 100 degrees or higher in combination with any other symptom.

Children will be immediately isolated and discharged to parents who exhibit the following symptoms:

- If strep is suspected, but results of a throat culture have not been received.
(24 hours after pick-up AND a doctor's note)
- Sore throat or difficulty swallowing (24 hours after pick-up)
- Any symptoms of acute illness such as persistent cough, runny nose with body aches
(24 hours after pick-up)
- Evidence of lice, scabies, or other parasitic infection (1 treatment AND 24 hours after pick-up)
- Elevated temperature of 101 degrees or more *without any other symptoms* (24 hrs. after pick-up)
- Difficult or rapid breathing (doctor's note)
- Yellowish skin or eyes (doctor's note)
- Redness of the eye (doctor's note AND on medication for 24 hours)
- Untreated, infected skin patches (24 hours after pick-up AND doctor's note).
- Unusually dark urine and/or gray or white stool (doctor's note)
- Stiff neck (doctor's note)
- Unusual or undiagnosed spots and rashes (24 hours after pick-up AND a doctor's note)

If a condition occurs that is not mentioned above - the center has the right and responsibility to the other children and the staff to send your child home if, in their opinion, it possess a health risk. Examples of these conditions are, but are not limited to; a bloody nose that cannot be controlled, blood originating from within the ear(s), green drainage from within the ear(s), nose or eye(s), etc.

Any child sent home from school with the symptoms listed above may not return until they have followed the re-entrance policy listed after the symptom AND one or more of the following guidelines have been met:

1. The child has been seen by a doctor, who has determined what the child's illness is, that he/she is not contagious and has verified so in writing, for the school's records.
2. The child is fever free for **24 hours after pick-up** without fever-reducing medication.
3. The child must be on an antibiotic for a bacterial infection for a *full 24 hours* AND have a note from the doctor.

****NOTE:** Any child on an antibiotic, even if he/she was NOT sent home from school, for a bacterial infection must be on an antibiotic for a full 24 hours and have a note from the doctor stating the illness and that the child is not contagious.

4. Any child who has been diagnosed with a viral infection will be excluded from school for 48 hours **after pick-up** AND have a note from the doctor.

(The doctor's note **MUST STATE:** 1) The nature of the illness (What is the Illness?) 2. The Illness is not a communicable disease and/or is non-contagious and can return to school).

Children will be observed who have: 1. Minor cold symptoms alone
2. Not feeling well enough to participate/lethargic

- A mildly ill child may be observed within the group and observed for worsening conditions.
- The teacher will notify the parent of the child that does not feel well.
- The Assistant Director will make the final decision as to whether a child should be sent home or not.

If a child is too sick to participate in school activities, they should not be in school.

If your child showed signs of being ill the previous evening or in the morning before arriving at the Center (i.e.: temperature, diarrhea, vomiting, rash, etc.) PLEASE think of the other children and teachers .

Our goal is to keep the Center healthy as possible.