



Child Illness Policy: Updated for Compliance with Covid-19 Guidelines (2020)

Our child illness policy is based upon the standards developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

This policy has been taken from our Family Guidebook and updated considering the new guidelines regarding mitigation spreading Covid-19/Coronavirus. This policy will be in effect from the opening of our programs until further notice.

The following are symptoms of Covid-19/Coronavirus. Children will not be permitted to attend school if any of these symptoms are present:

- **Fever (≥ 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, 38 degrees Celsius)**
- **Cough**
- **Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing**
- **Diarrhea**
- **Chills and/or repeated shaking with chills**
- **Muscle pain**
- **Headache**
- **Sore throat**
- **New loss of taste or smell**

Other reasons children will not be permitted to attend school are as follows:

- Fever: 100.4 degrees and behavior change and other signs and symptoms such lethargy, rash, irritability, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, constant crying, or difficulty breathing
- Vomiting in the past 24 hours
- Diarrhea— Children will be excluded if the frequency exceeds two or more stools above normal for that child. Diapered children with diarrhea will be excluded if the stools cannot be contained within the diaper. Potty trained children will be excluded if they cannot make it to the toilet causing accidents.
- Mouth Sores with drooling unless the child's physician produces a note stating that the child is not contagious
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye)—the child is on the medication for 24 hours
- Impetigo—24 hours after treatment has started
- Head Lice—after treatment and free from eggs and nits
- Strep Throat—24 hours after the treatment has started
- Scabies—24 hours after the treatment has started
- Rash with Fever or any behavioral change until a medical provider has determined the child is not contagious

For the safety of all children and staff, a child who develops symptoms during the day is required to be picked up immediately. Children will be removed from their classroom if any of the above symptoms present while at school. They will be kept with a teacher separate from other children until parents can get to the school.

Children who have been excluded from care may return when they are free of fever (without medication), vomiting, or diarrhea for 24 hours, or they have been cleared by a physician and present a doctor's note. The final decision whether to exclude a child from the program due to illness will be made by the center director.