

Illness Policy

Our program will not keep actively sick children. It is the parent's responsibility to make alternative arrangements in the event of illness. A child must be picked up immediately after a parent is called. A return to group care form completed by a doctor will be required in order to return to school when:

1. A child has had a diagnosed communicable disease (strep throat, head lice, pink eye, impetigo, etc). We do not require a statement when a child has had chicken pox, but we will do a visual check to make sure all the pox are dried.
2. A child has undergone surgery or has been hospitalized.

If your child becomes ill over the weekend or in the evening, please call to let us know the absence is due to illness.

FEVER OF 101 DEGREES

The child may remain in the center with a temperature less than **101** degrees if the child is without symptoms. We will notify the parents and the child may remain unless the temperature reaches 101 degrees. At this point the child must be picked up from the center.

1. A child cannot return until he/she has been free of fever (**under 100 degrees**) for 24 hours
2. We do not give fever suppressants.

VOMITING

1. We will call parents after **ONE** episode.
2. A child cannot return until 24 hours after last episode.

DIARRHEA

1. We will call parents after **TWO** episodes.
2. A child cannot return until 24 hours after last episode

If the diarrhea is a result of medication, teething or allergies, a doctor must specify this in writing or by phone call before the child can return to school.

EAR INFECTIONS/SINUSITIS

1. A child can return to school the next day if feeling good enough to participate in group activities and if fever is below 100 degrees, but needs to bring medication and verification of doctor visit.

RASHES

IF a child develops a rash with unknown cause, we will ask that a doctor check the rash and verify in writing or by phone that it is not contagious. We will request lotion or salve to treat poison ivy, poison oak, chigger, flea, and mosquito bites.

THRUSH

Milk patches that cannot be wiped clear, usually on cheeks, roof of mouth, and tongue. Contact doctor promptly for diagnosis and treatment. We will require that your child be on prescription medication prior to returning to school.

RSV

The child must **stay out for 5 days** to ensure they are over the illness and to ensure the safety of our other children.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION

We will administer prescription medication with a doctor's note and if they have to take 4 or more times a day.