

Child Care Sick Policy

Child Care Program Name:

Parent / Guardian Name:

Child's Name:

Dear parents, thank you so much for your interest in child care program! Please read our sick policy to learn how we handle sick children, and what is expected of you (and our staff) when your child is sick. Please note that children in child care are exposed to germs. We unfortunately cannot completely prevent the spread of disease but this sick-child policy helps us reduce the spread of sickness whenever possible. We look forward to welcoming you and your child!

Sick Policy

- We will not provide care for a sick child if the health of other children is at risk. Please keep your child home if he or she is sick. A child that is sick cannot participate in daily activities and routines and cannot be in group care.
- If you are not able to leave work or stay at home to care for your sick child, you must have a plan for back-up care when your child is not able to attend our child care program.
- Each morning, we perform a quick health assessment on your child, as well as throughout the day.
- If your child is ill upon arrival, you will be asked to take your child home. Children showing signs or symptoms of illness must remain at home.
- If your child becomes ill while in our care, we will notify you so you can make arrangements to pick up your child as soon as possible. Your child will be made comfortable and offered a quiet place to rest until you arrive.
- If you are not reachable, we will contact one of the emergency contact persons to pick up your child. You must provide local emergency contacts and information on how to reach them in case of emergency.
- If your child leaves another program or school during the regular school day due to illness, he or she may not attend our child care program that same day.
- _____ We administer only nonprescription medications. You must give written authorization to administer. (Please note that this does not replace State-required medical/health forms, if any are required.)
- _____ We administer prescription and nonprescription. You must give written authorization to administer. (Please note that this does not replace State-required medical/health forms, if any are required.)

Symptoms

You will be asked to pick up your child who has:

- Fever* with behavior changes or signs or symptoms of illness: an oral temperature over 101°F or under the armpit (axillary) temperature over 100°F.
- Diarrhea*.
- Vomiting*.
- Sore throat or difficulty swallowing.
- Headache or stiff neck.
- Severe itching or rashes.

- Mouth sores.
- Significant tiredness, irritability, crying.
- Difficulty breathing, chronic coughing or wheezing.
- Any contagious condition including ringworm, bedbugs, head lice, or pink eye.
- Unusual nasal discharge.
- Constant pain in the stomach.
- Behavior that seems slow, confused, disoriented.

* In cases of fever, diarrhea and/or vomiting, your child should not return to care until 24 hours have passed since the last sign of the symptom.

These symptoms may or may not be associated with a communicable illness. Without consultation from a health care professional it is impossible to determine the nature of the illness. Therefore you will need to pick up your child for further evaluation.

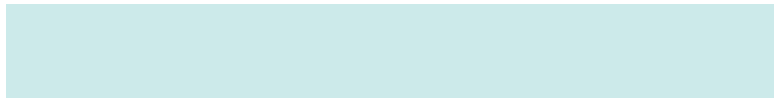
You will be asked to bring a note from a doctor or health care professional stating the child may return to child care when the illness is no longer contagious.

- You are required to inform us within 24 hours if your child or a member of your immediate household develops a communicable disease.
- You must report life-threatening diseases immediately.
- We will notify all parents within 24 hours if a communicable disease is reported at our child care program.
- Health Department regulations governing periods of infection and exclusion will be enforced.

I understand and agree to follow the terms of this child care sick policy:

Date: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature:



Child Care Owner/Director Signature:

