



Sick/Illness Policy

Under no circumstances should you bring your child to school sick (fever of 99 degrees or higher, vomiting, diarrhea not contained in diaper, sore throat, continuous coughing or barking/seal like sound, runny nose other than clear, draining eyes or ears, unexplained rash, lice, etc.) If you are not sure your child is well enough to attend the center, call and discuss it with the administration staff. Your child may be brought to care if they have a common cold (which means a slight cough, clear runny nose, sneezing); however, administration will call you if your child seems very miserable (whining, crying, repeatedly asking for you). Your child should not attend if they are not feeling well enough to participate in our daily activities. The Health Department regulations prohibit the attendance of a child into a child care center that exhibits any of the following symptoms:

- Fever (99 degrees or higher) – child needs to be fever free for 24 hours without the aid of medication.
- Diarrhea – child must be symptom free for 24 hours without the aid of medication
- Vomiting – child must be symptom free for 24 hours without the aid of medication
- Runny nose with colored discharge – Consent letter is needed from physician to return
- Continuous barking/seal like coughing sound – Consent letter is needed from physician to return
- Rash – Consent letter is needed from physician to return
- Discharge/Crustiness, swelling (eye closing) from eyes- Consent letter is needed from physician to return.
- Lice – Child needs to be treated and nits removed before return. A consent letter from physician is also needed to return
- Communicable diseases – chicken pox, measles, mumps, conjunctivitis (pink eye), influenzas, etc. The child may return when the incubation and contagious period passes after 72 hours and the child is well enough to resume normal childcare activities. A consent letter from physician is also needed to return.

If your child develops any of the above symptoms while in care, you or your alternate will be required to pick up your child immediately. If a parent has been called to pick up the child that has been dropped off for care and is too ill to participate during the day, the child will also be required to stay at home the following day. Your child may return to care 24 hours **AFTER** symptoms of illness end. Which means if your child is sent home with a fever, diarrhea, or vomiting they cannot return until they have been symptom free for 24 hours without the aid of medications. The center is responsible for the health and well-being of many children so staff will closely follow health department regulations when it comes to illness. We understand and respect your need to be at work, but your cooperation is extremely important on this. By signing this form, you agree to everything stated above and will follow this policy.

Parent /Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

