

Guidelines for Exclusion from Program

Certain symptoms in children may suggest the presence of a communicable disease. Children who have the following symptoms should be excluded from the Early Childhood Center setting until

- 1) a physician has certified the symptoms are not associated with an infectious agent or they are no longer a threat to the health of other children at the program or
- 2) the symptoms have subsided.

An ill child must not be admitted for care if one or more of the following exists:

The illness prevents the child from participating comfortably in school activities and/or results in a greater need for care than the staff can provide without compromising the health, safety, and supervision of the other children.

Fever: Axillary or oral temperature of 100 degrees or higher.

****Or a temperature of 100 degrees accompanied by any of the symptoms listed in bold below.**

Respiratory Symptoms:

Difficult or rapid breathing or severe coughing: child makes high-pitched croupy or whooping sound after he coughs, and child is unable to lie comfortably due to continuous cough.

Diarrhea:

An increased number of abnormally loose stools in the previous 24 hours. Observe the child for other symptoms such as fever, abdominal pain, or vomiting.

Vomiting:

Two or more episodes of vomiting within the previous 24 hours.

Eye/Nose Drainage:

Thick mucus or pus draining from the eye or nose.

Sore Throat:

Sore throat, especially when fever or swollen glands in the neck are present.

Rash:

Rash of any kind. Including skin rashes undiagnosed or contagious. Infected sores; sores with crusty, yellow or green drainage which cannot be covered by clothing bandages.

Itching:

Persistent itching (or scratching) of body or scalp.

Appearance/Behavior:

Child looks or acts differently: unusually tired, pale, lacking appetite, confused, irritable, difficult to awaken.

Communicable Disease Policy:

Parents are asked to notify the program within 24 hours if their child has been exposed to any communicable disease.

Other problems:

Requiring a child to stay home so treatment may be started include: lice, scabies, ringworm, pinworms, and impetigo.

****Your child must be absent from the center for 24 hours from the time of exclusion, then returning to the center symptom free without medication.**