



## Illness Exclusion Policy

By helping us to observe good health standards, you will be protecting your child and our Child's Day community. Your child should remain at home (or will be sent home) with:

- **Fever:** If your child has a tympanic (ear) temperature, or for infants under six months old an axillary (armpit) temperature, above 100 degrees OR has had a fever of 100 degrees or higher during the previous 24 hours, he or she shall be excluded from the program.
- **Diarrhea:** Parents will be notified when the first episode of watery bowel movement occurs. Parents will be informed that if a second watery movement occurs during the school day, parents must pick up the child. Parents will be asked to pick up a child immediately if abdominal pain, fever, or vomiting accompanies the first or second occurrence of diarrhea. To be certain that the diarrhea does not re-occur; children must be diarrhea free without the use of medication for 24 hours before returning to the program.
- **Vomiting:** If one or more episodes of vomiting occur within the previous 24 hours, your child shall be excluded from the program. If vomiting occurs during the school day, parents will be called and asked to pick up your child immediately. Gagging due to excessive crying does not constitute vomiting.
- **Ear Infection:** If your child has an ear infection, they may return to school 12 hours after their first dosage of antibiotics provided they have been fever-free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication and do not have any more exclusion symptoms. If your child is not taking antibiotics, they may return once they are comfortable enough to cope with the daily activities and routine of school.
- **Skin Rashes:** If your child has undiagnosed skin rashes or sores, he or she is prevented from attending school. If the child has untreated and/or undiagnosed persistent itching of skin or scalp, the child shall be excluded from the program.
- **Eye Discharge:** If thick mucus or pus is draining from the eye, the child shall be excluded from the program. If the doctor indicates that the discharge is due to allergies and is not contagious, a note from the doctor specifically stating that information must be brought to school in order for the child to rejoin the program.
- **Active Lice:** If your child has active lice or nits they shall be excluded from the program.
- **Respiratory Symptoms:** If child exhibits difficult or rapid, shallow breathing or severe coughing, the child shall be excluded from the program. If the child makes high pitched croup or barking sounds after he/she coughs, and the child is unable to lie comfortably due to continuous cough, the child shall be excluded from the program.
- **Appearance or Behavior Changes:** If the child looks or acts differently, is unusually tired, pale, lacking appetite, confused, irritable, or difficult to awaken, the child should remain at home for further observation. If the child is not able to participate in the daily activities and routine of school, they should remain at home.

You may bring your child to Child's Day if he or she has a mild cold or allergy, an allergic rash, diaper rash, prickly heat, a loose bowel movement, dietary or medication diarrhea, and can cope successfully with the program. Staff should be alerted to anything out of the ordinary.

*Your child's exclusion and readmission to the program is subject to review by their receiving classroom staff and/or a Director.*

If your child has a chronic illness or disability, please discuss a plan for reasonable admission/exclusion criteria with a Director.