

Student Illness Policy

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines regarding children enrolled in our school who show signs of illness, or who may be absent with a contagious disease. We know that managing the demands of work can be difficult when your child is ill. We strive to limit the spread of communicable diseases in our school and we are committed to implementing policies that balance and respect the needs of children, families, and staff in these circumstances.

If any of the symptoms listed below are noted at drop off, a parent/guardian will be asked to take the child home. Some symptoms will require the child to see a health care provider to gain clearance for return. The symptoms which require clearance are noted below.

If a child becomes ill while at school, they will be isolated from the group as best as we are able and closely monitored until a parent or a person authorized for pick-up arrives (within an hour of being called).

We care deeply for all the children and families in our school. With the comfort and wellbeing of the child in mind, we will ask for a child to recuperate at home when:

- The child is unable to participate comfortably in activities
- The child is in need of care that is greater than staff members can provide without compromising the health and safety of the other children
- The child's illness poses a risk of spread of harmful disease to others (see list below)

Our Student Illness Policy is based on the Model Health Care Policies developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics and has been updated to reflect our current COVID guidelines.

Exclusion Signs and Symptoms	Readmission Criteria
<p>COVID Symptoms</p> <p>Fever Temperature of above 100.4 degrees F (orally or axillary)</p> <p>When the child exhibits more than one of the following symptoms:</p> <p>Nasal Discharge</p> <p>Cough</p> <p>Shortness of Breath/Difficulty Breathing</p> <p>Sore Throat/Painful Swallowing</p> <p>Chills</p> <p>Headache</p> <p>Muscle or Joint Aches</p> <p>New Loss of Taste or Smell</p> <p>Feeling Unwell/Fatigued</p> <p>Nausea/Vomiting/Diarrhea</p>	<p>Minimum of 5 days have passed since positive test date in an asymptomatic case AND Minimum of 5 days since symptoms appeared, symptoms are improving and no fever for at least 24 hours without aid of fever reducing medication.</p> <p>Fever has been absent for 24 hours without medication</p> <p>When secondary or tertiary symptoms have cleared</p>
<p>Conjunctivitis (Pinkeye) Red, goopy, itchy eye/s</p>	<p>Eye/s are not red, goopy, itchy</p>
<p>Strep Throat Sore or reddened throat accompanied by a fever; may cause</p>	<p>24 hours after physician's visit and</p>

<p>Diarrhea and Vomiting 2 or more incidents within a 4 hour period; if stool is not contained in a diapered child, or if an undiapered child has an "accident"</p>	<p>24 hours after last incident of diarrhea or vomiting</p>
<p>Inability to participate Child complains of not feeling well or is unable to participate in daily activities with one other positive symptom</p>	<p>Child is able to participate in school activities and free of other symptoms</p>

<p>Head Lice Live lice on the scalp or nits attached to the hair shaft</p>	<p>When there are no lice or nits present</p>
<p>Other contagious diseases/illnesses Measles, Mumps, Chickenpox, Hand, Foot and Mouth, Fifth, Scabies and Impetigo</p>	<p>Child has completed the contagious stage of the illness and has been fever free for 72 hours without medication (need note from Primary Care Provider to return)</p>