



**Early Learning
Centers**
ILLNESS GUIDELINES

1. Our child care program is licensed for healthy children. We do not have facilities for sick children. Therefore, if your child has any of the following symptoms, please **DO NOT SEND HIM/HER** to the Center until he or she is symptom free for at least 24 hours. At the Director's discretion, a doctor's note may be required for re-admission. In such cases, you as a parent are responsible for scheduling the doctor's visit and any cost associated with the doctor's visit.
 - a. Fever over: Oral – 100.4 degrees Rectal - 101.4 degrees Axillary – 99.4 degrees
 - b. Infectious rhinitis, i.e., colored nasal discharge, or nasal congestion associated with a cough and fever.
 - c. Vomiting, for any reason.
 - d. Conjunctivitis – (pink eye) or thick discolored drainage.
 - e. Coughing associated with respiratory infection.
 - f. Skin rash and/or eruptions of unknown origin.
 - g. Parasites, i.e. nits, crabs, lice, etc.
 - h. Diarrhea – change in consistency, frequency, color, or odor of stool that cannot be contained.
 - i. If a running nose is related to allergies, a child's medical record must reflect the allergies, or we need a note from the doctor stating that the child has allergies.
2. All prescribed medicines will be given for well child maintenance following an illness, providing the following conditions are met:
 - a. It must be prescribed medication in original container.
 - b. Over the counter medication will not be given unless accompanied by doctor's note, and written permission by a parent/guardian.
 - c. The exact time and dosage must be stated in writing (either 11 am or 3 pm).
 - d. Written permission of the parent or guardian must accompany the medication.
 - e. For safety reasons, medicine must be kept in the office. Please do not leave medicine of any kind in your child's backpacks, diaper bags or classroom.
3. If your child is diagnosed with an illness and prescribed antibiotic or medication, it is permissible to return to the Center 48 hours after diagnosis and medication is started with a confirmed diagnosis, in writing, from your doctor.
4. If your child becomes ill at the Center, he/she will be isolated in the office and must be picked up **WITHIN THE HOUR**. We suggest that you have back-up care for your child in the event that he/she gets ill and cannot attend the Center. Late pick up fees will apply if child(ren) are not picked up within one hour.
5. Please let us know if your child has or has been exposed to, a communicable disease (chicken pox, mumps, Covid-19, etc.), so we can be alerted to early symptoms. We will notify parents when a child has been exposed to a communicable disease in the Center.
6. Following an illness involving elevated temperature, a child must be fever-free without the aid of fever reducers for at least 24 hours before returning to the Center.
7. A child's immunizations must be up to date before he/she will be permitted to start at the Center. **We do not accept any immunization exemptions**. Parents must provide documentation or immunization dates. Please keep the Center informed of new booster shots.

