

# Illness Exclusion Policy



## Children should remain at home (or will be sent home) with:

Ear temperature of 100.4 or higher. Oral temperature of 100.4 or higher, or underarm temperature of 99.4 or higher, in the past 24 hours.

**Conjunctivitis** “Pink eye”, redness of the eye and/or lids, usually with secretion of yellowish discharge and crusting.

**Bronchitis**, which usually begins with hoarseness, cough, and a slight elevation in temperature. The cough may be dry and painful but gradually becomes productive.

A **rash** you cannot identify which has not been diagnosed.

**Impetigo**; red pimples which become small vesicles surrounded by a reddened area. When blisters break, the surface is raw and weeping. Look for signs in neck creases, groin, underarms, face, hands, or edge of diaper.

**Diarrhea** two or more times within 24 hours (watery BM’s that look different and are more frequent than usual.)

**Vomiting** within 24 hours (more than usual “spitting up”).

**Head Lice**; live contagious insects or their nits (egg sacs) that infest hair. Children will not be readmitted without being free of live lice and nits, or must have a written note from a physician, local health authority, advance practice nurse, or physician’s assistant stating that they are no longer contagious and may return to school.

Some **unknown illness** without obvious symptoms other than unusual paleness, irritability, tiredness, or lack of interest.

Any **contagious disease**, including Measles, Chick Pox, Mumps, Roseola, Strep Throat infection, Head Lice, until the child has been diagnosed by a physician and the established Center readmission criteria for individual illnesses has been met.

Children may be brought into the Center if they have 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.

Children’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.

By helping us to observe good health standards, you will be protecting your child and the others in the Center.