

Illness Policy

If a child becomes ill or injured the director, or acting director, will decide if a parent needs to be called. Your child will need to be picked up no later than 30 minutes after being notified.

A child is considered ill and unable to attend child care if they have any of the following symptoms:

- A fever of 100 degrees or higher.
- Diarrhea, vomiting, nausea, or abdominal pain.
- Sore throat, severe or persistent cough, ear ache or swollen glands.
- Complains persistently of pain or discomfort. This includes constant, inconsolable crying from infants.
- Suspected scabies, impetigo, or ringworm.
- Symptoms of any contagious infections including (but not limited to):
 - Conjunctivitis (pinkeye)
 - Head lice or nits
 - Staph infection
- Chicken pox or any rash deemed possibly contagious by the director.

DO NOT send a child with a rash to school. It may be the first sign of a contagious childhood illness.

- Any lesion in the weeping stage, unless protected and diagnosed by a doctor as non-infectious.
- Inability to participate with class – a child who is clearly not feeling well.
- Colds, Coughs, Runny Noses:

A child with a “heavy” cold (sneezing and a hacking cough) belongs at home, although s/he has no fever and may have a “clear” runny nose. If your child has these symptoms from ALLERGIES, **they must have a doctor’s note stating such.** Nasal discharge that is yellow or green is a sign of infection.

- Any other symptom(s) that suggest acute illness.

If you observe any of these symptoms, please keep your child home from school. Your child must be on prescribed antibiotics for 24-48 hours (depending on the illness) before returning to school.

*****Before your child can return to school, we must have a doctor's note stating that the child is being treated for the condition and is well enough to be at school.*****

If your child, or their sibling, is diagnosed with any communicable illness, please inform the director as soon as possible. We are required by law to inform other parents. Names are kept confidential. **Keeping children home when they are ill will keep us all healthier.**

The Utah State Guidelines for daycare centers, R430-100-8 Child Health

(a) The facility will not care for ill children except when the child shows signs of illness after arrival.

(b) The facility shall ensure that children who develop signs of illness at the facility are kept separate from other children.

(c) The facility shall contact the parents of ill children and request that they be removed immediately from the facility.

******These guidelines and policies are for the health and safety of all the children. It is imperative that we enforce them. Failure to comply with this policy may result in the termination of your child's enrollment.******