

Illness Policy

Illnesses

- For your child's well-being, as well as the well-being of other children and staff, children are to remain at home or will be sent home immediately if:
- has had a fever of 100.4°F or above within the previous 24 hours; is in school with a fever of 100.4°F or above. Students are to remain home until at least 24 hours after there is no longer a fever *without the use of fever-reducing medicine*.
- has diarrhea; children who experience diarrhea during school day will be sent home immediately
- has vomited; in the previous 24 hours unless vomiting is determined to be due to a non-contagious condition and the child is not in danger of dehydration
- has been on prescribed medication for less than 24 hours
- is sneezing, or coughing due to a viral or bacterial illness
- has a nasal discharge that is cloudy, thick, or yellow/green
- seems tired, cranky, or "under the weather" (often a sign an illness is coming on)
- has suspected infected eyes, especially red eyes with discharge and drainage, or matting of the eyelids until a written diagnosis by a physician indicates a non-contagious eye ailment, or signs and symptoms have disappeared
- Presence of any rash with fever or behavioral change
- Mouth sores that interfere with the control of saliva (unless the child's physician or local health department states the child is noninfectious and/or open sores around the mouth area.
- Any open sores that are raw and/or bleeding must be treated and covered properly
- Impetigo or ringworm - may be allowed back 24 hours after appropriate treatment has begun. The area should be covered.
- Head lice - the child may return after treatment has been initiated and a head check has been performed at school *See handbook Lice/Nit Policy*
- Scabies - the child may return 24 hours after therapy has been completed
- Strep throat, may be allowed back 24 hours after appropriate treatment has begun and until the child has been without fever for 24 hours
- The child has any of the following conditions: fever, wheezing, lethargy, irritability, persistent crying, difficulty breathing, or other signs of possible severe illness
- The illness prevents the child from participating comfortably in activities as determined by the staff
- The illness is in greater need for care than the staff can provide without compromising their ability to care for other children

Illness/Injury Communication/Pick-Up

If a child shows symptoms of illness during the day, the child will be isolated. A parent/guardian will be called, at the *preferred phone number listed in Blackbaud*, to pick up the child. If the parent/guardian called is unavailable, CDS will leave a message advising them the child needs to be picked up. CDS will then contact other custodial parent/guardian(s) listed in Blackbaud, if applicable.

If CDS does not hear from a parent/guardian within 30 minutes of leaving a message, CDS will call members of the emergency pick-up list to come and get the child. An adult, authorized to pick up the child, must get the ill student within 60 minutes of the first message having been left at the parent/guardian's preferred telephone number.

CDS will not release a student to anyone not listed on the authorized emergency contact list without written consent from a custodial parent(s). Those individuals picking up a student will be asked for identification before a child is released.

Please keep in mind that although pediatricians vary in terms of defining “contagious or communicable,” (ex. nasal discharge), our policy will be enforced, as we must be concerned with the well-being of all children and staff. A doctor’s note stating your child is not contagious, and is well enough to attend classes, will be required for any child demonstrating symptoms that would keep them from attending CDS under the Health and Safety Policy.

Please notify the school when your child is ill and will not be attending. In the case of communicable diseases, we have to notify other parents as well as the Health Department.