



## Early Learning DayCare Illness/Symptom Policy

**Understand that this policy is put in place to protect all the children who attend Early Learning DayCare.**

As a general rule, all children in the providers care must be well enough to follow the regular scheduled activities. Parents must keep their child at home if he or she requires special care and attention from the provider. **The provider cannot care for a sick child.**

The provider reserves the right to determine when a child should be sent/kept home due to any illness/symptom. Notify me as soon as possible when your child becomes ill so I can notify the other parents. The provider will consider a doctor's note for a diagnosis **but** has final say on when the child can return to daycare.

If a child starts to show any of the following symptoms listed below while in care, but not limited to, the child will need to be picked up immediately; automatically excluded the following day and until symptom free for 48 hours without the help of medication. If a child is sent home for the same reason within 5 business days, the child will be excluded for 5 business days. During this time full rate still applies. The provider will allow 1 hour for the child to be picked up (see Contract/Handbook).

If the child has the same diagnosis within 45 days, the provider may then require the child to be excluded. The full round of antibiotics must be given **AND** a doctor's note stating the child is no longer infected will be required for the child to attend.

**-Over the Counter Medication-** Tylenol, Ibuprofen or anything of the sort. If any over the counter medication is needed for the child to participate in the regular daycare activities. (**excluded** until no longer needed on a regular basis)

**-Prescription Medication-** The provider must be notified with the name, reason, and duration for all prescriptions. The provider may require a doctor's note from the follow-up visit after the completion of the medication. (**excluded** 36 hours from the first dose of antibiotic)

**-Fever-** Any temperature over 100.0 (**excluded** until fever free without the help of medication for 48 hours)

**-Upper Respiratory Illness-** Any cough that makes the child short of breath/gag/vomit. Any drainage from the nose that is not clear in color. (**excluded** until symptom free for 48 hours)

**-Severe Cold Symptoms-** Constant congested cough, constant running-nose with anything other than clear fluid, trouble breathing, lethargic and/or uncomfortable. (**excluded** until symptom free for 48 hours)

**-Croup-** barking cough and shortness of breath. (**excluded** for 1 week)

**-Vomiting-** of any kind even if you think it was cough, choking or gag induced. (**excluded** until vomit free for 48 hours **AND** able to eat 2 regular portioned meals)

**-COVID-19/FLU-** (**excluded** until symptom free for 48 hours without the aid of medication)

Fever over 100.0 F	Breathing Difficulty
Aching muscles	Loss of taste
Chills and sweats	Loss of smell
Headache	Vomiting
Dry, persistent cough	Diarrhea
Fatigue and weakness	Runny Nose
Nasal congestion	Rash
Sore throat	

**-2 Diarrhea/1 Uncontained Bowel Movement-** This could be the sign of a viral or bacterial infection. The child is **excluded** until:

- 48 hours from the last time diarrhea reducing medication (if given), **AND**
- 48 hours from the last diarrhea, **AND**
- 2 regular bowel movements after eating regular portioned meal.

**-Chicken Pox, Hand/Foot/Mouth, Strep Throat-** or any rash/sore causing illness. (**excluded** until complete rash/sore is gone; including scabs)

**-Random Rash-** this could be a beginning sign of an illness or allergic reactions (**excluded** until the rash is completely gone)

**-Bacterial Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)-** and/or colored discharge from the eye. I will not give eye drops or ointment, so this will need to be done at home before and after daycare. (**excluded** 48 hours from the first dose of antibiotic treatment **AND** until there is no discharge)

**-Head Lice-** It is the responsibility of all parents to check their child's hair weekly for head lice and to provide adequate treatment if head lice is found. If your child has head lice you need to inform me right away. It takes 10 days for an egg to hatch, if you miss just one then you will have a whole new outbreak. (**excluded** for 10 business days, the provider **must** inspect hair before drop-off)

If the provider catches the parents masking any illness/symptoms, the contract will be terminated immediately.

A sick child should be allowed to recover fully after an illness so that other children in the daycare are not put at risk of exposures. If you are unable to remain at home with your sick child it will be necessary for you to make other child care arrangements at your own expense.

Parental Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Provider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_