

# Policy on the Management of Communicable Diseases

If a child exhibits any of the following symptoms, he/she should not attend the center. If such symptoms occur at the center, the child will be removed from the group, and you will be called to take him/her home.

- Severe pain or discomfort
- Acute diarrhea
- Episodes of acute vomiting
- Elevated oral temperature of 101.5 degrees Fahrenheit
- Sore throat or severe coughing
- Yellow eyes or jaundice skin
- Red eyes with discharge
- Infected, untreated skin patches
- Difficult or rapid breathing
- Skin lesions that are weeping or bleeding
- Skin rashes lasting longer than 24 hours
- Swollen joints
- Visibly enlarged lymph nodes
- Stiff neck
- Blood in urine

Once the child is symptom-free, or has a doctor's note stating that he/she no longer poses a serious health risk to himself/herself or others, he/she may return to the center. The child must be free from fever, diarrhea, or vomiting for 24 hours prior to returning to the Center. The child must be on antibiotics for 24 hours for strep throat or conjunctivitis before returning. If a child contracts any of the following diseases, please report it to us immediately. The child may not return to the Center without a doctor's note stating that the child presents no risk to herself/himself or others.

## **Table of Excludable Communicable Diseases**

A child who contracts any of the following diseases may not return to the center without a physician's note stating that the child presents no risk to himself/herself or others:

### **Respiratory Illnesses**

Chicken Pox\*\*  
German Measles  
Hemophilus Influenzae\*  
Measles\*  
Meningococcus\*  
Mumps\*  
Strep Throat  
Tuberculosis\*  
Whooping Cough\*

### **Gastrointestinal Illnesses**

Giardia Lamblia\*  
Hepatitis A\*  
Salmonella\*  
Shigella\*

### **Contact Illnesses**

Imetigo  
Lice  
Scabies

\* Reportable diseases that will be reported to the health department by the center.

\*\* Note: If your child has chicken pox, a doctor's note is required for re-admitting the child to the center. A note from the parent is required, stating either that at least six days has elapsed since the onset of the rash, or that all sores have dried and crusted.

If your child is exposed to any excludable disease at the center, you will be notified in writing. When children are receiving special medication, even if the medication is not administered at the Center, it is helpful to let the teacher know.