

CCSA School/Summer Camp Health & Illness Policy Pennsylvania Health Policy

The health and safety of our students and staff is our highest priority. This policy is designed in accordance with Pennsylvania Department of Health guidance for organized school/camps and current public health recommendations.

Daily Health Screening

Parents/guardians are responsible for assessing their child each morning before arriving at class/camp. Please do **not** send your child to class/camp if they are ill or exhibiting symptoms of a contagious illness.

A Student Must Stay Home If They Have:

- A temperature of **99.5°F (38°C) or higher** within the previous 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.
- Vomiting or diarrhea within the previous 24 hours.
- A persistent cough, severe sore throat, difficulty breathing, or other symptoms that prevent participation in class/camp activities.
- An unexplained rash or skin condition that may be contagious.
- Red, draining, or crusted eyes (suspected conjunctivitis/pink eye).
- Head lice that have not yet received appropriate treatment.
- Symptoms of a communicable disease, including but not limited to influenza, COVID-19, RSV, hand, foot and mouth disease, chickenpox, impetigo, or other illnesses considered contagious by a healthcare provider.
- Any illness for which a healthcare provider recommends exclusion from group settings.

If a Student Becomes Ill at Class/Camp

If a student develops signs or symptoms of illness while attending class/camp:

- The student will be supervised in a designated health area away from other students.
- A parent/guardian or authorized emergency contact will be notified immediately.
- The student must be picked up as soon as possible, preferably within one hour of notification.
- The designated health supervisor will document the illness and any care provided.

In the event of a suspected communicable disease, the school/camp may consult with the Pennsylvania Department of Health or the local health department for additional guidance.

Returning to Class/Camp

Students may return when they:

- Have been fever-free for **24 hours without fever-reducing medication**.
- Have had no vomiting or diarrhea for **24 hours**.
- Are able to fully participate in class/camp activities.
- Have completed any recommended isolation or exclusion period for a communicable illness.
- Have been on prescribed antibiotics for **at least 24 hours**, when appropriate (such as for strep throat or certain bacterial infections).
- Meet any additional recommendations provided by their healthcare provider.

The School/Camp Director or School/Camp Health Supervisor reserves the right to require written medical clearance before a student returns following a contagious illness, prolonged absence due to illness, hospitalization, or when there is concern for the health and safety of others.

Medications

- All prescription medications must be provided in the original pharmacy-labeled container.
- A completed Medication Authorization Form signed by the parent/guardian is required.
- Prescription medications requiring administration at class/camp must include healthcare provider instructions when required by law or class/camp policy.
- Over-the-counter medications will only be administered with written parent/guardian authorization and according to class/camp procedures.

Communicable Diseases

Parents/guardians are required to notify the School/Camp Director if their child is diagnosed with a communicable disease that could affect other students or staff.

The school/camp will maintain confidentiality while taking appropriate steps to protect the health of students and staff, including notification of public health authorities when required by Pennsylvania law.

Medical Emergencies

If a student experiences a medical emergency, School/Camp Staff will:

1. Provide immediate first aid.
2. Contact emergency medical services (911) when necessary.
3. Notify the parent/guardian or emergency contact immediately.
4. Complete an incident report documenting the event.

Parent/Guardian Agreement

By enrolling a child in School/Camp, parents/guardians agree to:

- Monitor their child daily for illness.
- Keep their child home when exclusion criteria are met.
- Provide accurate emergency contact and medical information.
- Arrange prompt pick-up if their child becomes ill during class/camp.
- Inform class/camp staff of any diagnosed communicable disease.

Working together helps provide a safe, healthy, and enjoyable summer class/camp experience for every child.