

Hi Teaching Tree Families,

The Teaching Tree illness policy states:

Children must be excluded from care for the following reasons:

1. The child is not able to participate in usual activities. The child may be very tired, irritable, or inconsolable.
2. The child needs more individual care than the program can provide.
3. The illness or symptoms are on the exclusion list below:

Chicken Pox – until blisters have dried and crusted

Pink Eye – until 24 hours after treatment

Coughing/Croup – medical attention is necessary

Diarrhea – uncontained or consecutive diarrhea within two hours

Fever – 100.4 or higher

Head Lice or Scabies – may return after treatment starts

Impetigo – until 24 hours after treatment starts

Body rash w/ fever – rash that spreads quickly, opening weeping wounds and/or is not healing

Ringworm – may return after treatment starts; keep area covered for first 48 hours of treatment

RSV – seek medical advice

Hand, Food & Mouth Disease – excessive drooling, not able to participate comfortably, fever, any types of sores in mouth, open/oozing sores

Strep throat – until 24 hours after treatment and the child is able to participate

Vomiting – until vomiting resolves for 24 hours

COVID – symptom free for 24 hours

If Teaching Tree is experiencing an outbreak of any a specific illness, the Health Department may recommend adjusting the exclusionary rules for a specific illness.

FAQ:

Q: What warrants a Teaching Tree staff member to check my child's temperature?

A: Teaching Tree staff have thermometers on-site and will check a child's temperature if they don't seem to be feeling well (lethargy, cough, etc.) Teaching Tree uses a digital ear thermometer to check student temperatures and the child's temperature is always checked in both ears.

Q: I had to pick my child up because they had a fever. When I got home, I checked it, and my child did not have a fever at the time. Can they return before the 24-hour mark?

A: Unfortunately, not. In order to keep consistency among students, we have to stick with the 24- hour exclusion policy based on the child's temperature when they were at Teaching Tree.

Q: My child has a fever, but they are teething and I suspect that is why they have a fever. Can they remain in care?

A: Unfortunately, not. We know it can be tricky for kiddos who are teething as sometimes it does cause a low-grade fever, but regardless of the reason for the fever, they do have to be excluded from care until they are fever-free (without the use of medication) for at least 24 hours.

Q: My child has a fever, but they just received vaccinations and I suspect that is why they have a fever. Can they remain in care?

A: Unfortunately, not. We know it can be tricky as sometimes kiddos get a fever after receiving vaccinations, but regardless of the reason for the fever, they do have to be excluded from care until they are fever-free (without the use of medication) for at least 24 hours.

Q: My child has an ear infection and will need antibiotics administered while in care at Teaching Tree. Is that possible?

A: Yes, we are able to administer medications onsite. The medication permission form must be filled out by a physician, signed by the parents, and approved by our nurse before we can administer the medication. *We cannot administer "as needed" medications (for example: we cannot keep medications on-hand for teething, etc.)*

Q: Does Teaching Tree have a nurse onsite?

A: We do not have a nurse onsite, but do work with a nurse consultant who meets with us in-person on a monthly basis. She is also available to Teaching Tree admin by phone or email when necessary.

The health and wellness of children and staff is a top priority at Teaching Tree. We are mandated by state Health Department regulations and want to do to what we can to keep our students healthy on a daily basis.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding illness policy, illness credits, or anything health and wellness related, please email your center's enrollment coordinator or director.

~Teaching Tree Administration