GUIDELINES FOR EXCLUSION OF
SICK CHILDREN FROM CHILD CARE

1. Signs of possible moderate or severe illness: unusual lethargy, irritability, persistent crying, difficulty breathing, and/or inability to function in a group setting.

2. A child exhibiting fever of >100°F axillary or >101°F orally should be excluded for a minimum of 24 hours.

3. Persistent, frequent cough that interferes with the child's activities.

4. Diarrhea defined as an increase in the number of stools, compared with the child's normal pattern with increased stool water and/or decreased form (diarrhea that cannot be contained within diapers or toilet use).

5. Effortful vomiting, unless the vomiting is determined to be non-disease related and the child is not in danger of dehydration.

6. Rash with fever or behavior change; or a rash that is possibly infectious.

7. Chicken pox – 6 days after onset of rash or until all lesions have dried and crusted. Children who receive the chicken pox vaccine should not be excluded unless they develop a rash. Rashes can develop up to 6 weeks after a child receives the vaccine. Rashes from the vaccine usually disappear sooner (within 1-2 days).

8. Strep throat/scarlet fever – until 24hrs. after treatment has been initiated.

9. Impetigo – until 24hrs after treatment has been initiated.

10. Ringworm (head, body, genitals, or feet infection) until 24hrs. after treatment has been initiated.

11. Scabies/head lice – allowed to return to child care the morning after their first treatment.

12. Purulent conjunctivitis ("pink eye") – defined as pink or red conjunctiva with white or yellow eye discharge, often with matted eyelid after sleep; including a child with eye pain or redness or the eyelid or skin surrounding the eye – until 24hrs. after treatment has been initiated.

13. Mouth sores associated with an inability of the child to control his/her saliva.

14. Failure to comply with New York State Immunization Laws.

15. **A doctor's note is required to clear and permit the child to return to school.**