



The Early Learning Center

## Illness Policy

The Early Learning Center carefully follows all health guidelines to insure the healthiest environment possible. We hope that you will work with us to limit exposure by keeping your children at home as necessary. To stop the spread of communicable diseases, TELC has an illness policy that we request each family strictly follow. Children who exhibit the following signs or symptoms of illness are required to remain at home. If a child exhibit any of the symptoms listed below while at the Center a parent/guardian will be contacted, and you will be asked to pick up your child within 60 minutes of contact. It is at the discretion of TELC management to determine if a child needs to be picked up from the Center. **If a child is sent home from the Center due to symptoms of illness, they will be required to remain at home the following day unless a physician's written statement is provided stating that they may return to school the following day.** Once the child is symptom and or fever free for 24 hours or has a health care provider's note stating that the child no longer poses a serious health risk to himself/herself or others, the child may return to the center unless contraindicated by the Burlington County Health Department or State of NJ Department of Health.

Signs of Illness include but are not limited to:

- Overall unwell feeling
- Diarrhea and/or vomiting one time
- Skin rash other than a localized diaper rash
- Evidence of head lice
- Any complaints of unexplained or undiagnosed pain
- Fever of 100.4 or higher
- Excessive coughing that is not their baseline
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of taste or smell
- Aching
- Chills
- Headache
- Rash
- Sores on hands, feet, or mouth
- Pink or red conjunctiva with eye discharge, until on antibiotics for 24 hours
- Impetigo
- Strep throat
- Has a physician's written statement that child be separated from other children



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Children who have been ill may return when:

- Child is free of fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or other related symptoms of illness for a full 24 hours without the use of symptom reducing medications.
- If an antibiotic treatment is required, the child must have received the antibiotic treatment 24 hours prior to returning to the center.
- You can provide a physician's written statement releasing the child and verifying that the child is no longer contagious for all communicable diseases or illnesses causing the child to miss 3 or more consecutive days of care.
- For non-contagious infections / illnesses / complaints (such as ear infections, teething etc.) the child may return to care without the 24-hour waiting period only if the child has been diagnosed by a doctor and is accompanied by a physician's written statement deeming the child to be safe and fever free.
- The child is able to fully participate in scheduled child care activities.
- If a child has a reportable communicable disease, a physician's written statement that the child is no longer contagious and may return to our care is required.

COVID-19 related illness:

Children with multiple symptoms similar to those of COVID-19 should adhere to the TELC Communicable Disease Policy [CCL.Policy on the Management of Communicable D.pdf \(wsimg.com\)](https://www.wsimg.com) as per guidelines set forth by The Department of Children and Families.

Children with positive COVID-19 test results, whether they display symptoms or are asymptomatic, must stay home for at least 5 full days after the positive test. Day 0 is the onset of symptoms or the date the test was performed for asymptomatic individuals. Children with positive COVID-19 test results may return to school on Day 6 if they are fever-free for a minimum of 24 hours with no COVID-19 signs/symptoms.

Close Contacts, regardless of vaccination status, who are symptom-free may opt to not quarantine, depending on local factors, such as the NJ DOH COVID-19 Activity Level Report, Burlington County Health Department recommendations, school, or program outbreaks, etc. Close contacts confirmed in the school setting will be reported to parents/guardians to monitor for symptoms.

These guidelines are subject to change dependent on guidance from the CDC, NJ Department of Health and NJ Department of Children and Families. Any additional illness policies or changes that may arise are at the discretion of TELC.