



It is also important to be aware of when it is and is not appropriate for our participants to come to program for many other illnesses. Below is a list of situations in which a participant **should NOT** attend PRIDE, Inc. This is not a comprehensive list so if there is a concern about a participant's health or contagious status, please practice caution and keep the individual home or contact PRIDE, Inc. and ask to speak to a nurse. Please keep in mind that, according to PRIDE, Inc. policy, any individual with a contagious illness must provide a doctor's note prior to, or upon return to program stating that the individual is no longer contagious.

Participants should NOT attend PRIDE, Inc. if:

1. Individual has signs suggesting illness such as fever, lethargy (difficulty awakening or staying awake), irritability, difficulty breathing, or other signs of illness.
2. Individual has sudden, unexplained change in behavior and illness has not been ruled out.
3. Individual has rash of unknown cause and communicability (such as a rash accompanied by pain or fever) has not been ruled out.
4. Individual has not been fever-free (temperature under 100°F without fever-reducing medication such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen) for 24 hours or if individual is experiencing intermittent chills unrelated to air temperature.
5. Individual has frequent coughing or coughing with phlegm, or is having any sort of trouble breathing.
6. Individual has a thick, yellow, or green nasal discharge.
7. Individual has had vomiting or diarrhea 2 or more times in the previous 24 hours. If he/she vomits in the night, keep him/her home from PRIDE, Inc. the following day.
8. If individual has been administered sedation for a medical/dental appointment and is still experiencing effects, e.g. sedation, drowsiness, dizziness, unsteadiness, or low blood pressure.
9. Individuals who have started on antibiotic therapy should not attend PRIDE, Inc. for at least 24 hours after the initial dose of medication. Caregivers/individual need to obtain a note from the physician for recommendations regarding when to return to program after the 24 hours.
10. **Whenever there is an injury or illness that requires an unplanned emergency visit to a physician, urgent care, or an acute care facility, the caregiver/individual must obtain a note from the physician stating the date the individual may return to program, and any restrictions in activity or otherwise that may be in place. The note should arrive prior to, or upon arrival of the individual.**

Exclusion from PRIDE, Inc. for the following conditions:

1. **Influenza** – exclusion until at least 24 hours after he/she no longer has a fever (without the use of fever-reducing medicines such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen) or exclusion until severe symptoms, like a cough with mucus, vomiting, diarrhea, or fatigue symptoms are gone.
2. **Conjunctivitis** – exclusion while there is discharge from the eyes and until he/she has been treated with antibiotic eye drops or ointment for at least 24 hours
3. **Herpes Zoster (Shingles/Chicken Pox)** – exclusion until physician determines individual may return
4. **C. difficile** – exclusion until physician determines individual may return
5. **Vomiting and/or diarrhea** (watery or loose stools 2 or more times in the previous 24 hours) – exclusion until diarrhea and/or vomiting subsides – contact physician if condition persist more than 2 days to rule out infection (see #7 above)
6. **Oral lesions** – exclusion until physician determines noninfectious
7. **Staphylococcus aureus infections (Impetigo/Strep throat/Necrotizing faciitis/Scarlet Fever)** – exclusion when lesions are draining (if present) **AND** until at least 24 hours after initiation of therapy **AND** individual is without fever
8. **Head lice** – exclusion until the morning after the first treatment
9. **Scabies** – exclusion until the day after therapy is completed
10. **Tinea (ringworm)** – exclusion until 24 hours after initial treatment

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