

SICK POLICY WHILE UNDER COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

We will not serve children with:

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- Vomiting one (1) or more times
- A fever of 99.0 or higher
- Unusual spots, skin rashes or untreated infected skin patches
- Diarrhea one (1) or more times in a day (Diarrhea definition from the Mayo Clinic: Diarrhea describes loose, watery stools that occur more frequently than usual.)
- Evidence of live lice, nits, scabies or other parasites
- Severe coughing causing red or blue coloration on the face
- Severe coughing that causes a “whooping” sound
- Rapid or difficult breathing
- Yellowish skin or eyes
- Redness of the eye with obvious discharge, matted eyelashes and itchy eyes
- Unusually dark urine and/or gray stool
- Sore throat or difficulty swallowing
- Stiff neck with elevated temperature
- Excessive fatigue
- Thick white, green or yellow discharge: Children will be sent home if they appear to have any thick white, green or yellow discharge. This is often indicative of a n infection and they must stay home the next day for observation. Before returning to school they will need an evaluation and diagnosis from their doctor in writing and at least 24 hours of treatment. If in fact they do not have an infection, we need a doctor’s note with a diagnosis of exactly what it is with a clearance that nothing is contagious. The Department of Health and most doctors are of the opinion that once on antibiotics for 24 hours, the discharge is no longer contagious even though it may persist for up to two weeks.

Common Cold Policy

Children suffering from a common cold will be assessed on an individual basis.

Factors of consideration include the developmental level of your child in congruence with our ability to limit the spread of germs.

The younger your child, the more difficult it is to keep the spread of germs down. For example: hand to face contact, mouthing of toys, uncontrolled nasal discharge, uncovered sneezing and coughing.

Children may be remitted:

With a physician's note stating that the child is free from communicable disease and that returning poses no risk to the child or others.

AND / OR

- The child is visibly free from communicable disease which includes being fever free without the benefit of fever reducing medication for 48 hours and free from vomit or diarrhea for 48 hours while on a normal diet.

AND

- The child has been away from the center for at least one full business day. Example: Child goes home with a fever on Monday, they may return no sooner than Wednesday as long as they have either a physician's note and/or the child is visibly free from communicable disease as described above.

Foundations retains the right to continue to exclude a child despite a physician's note if the statement contradicts the centers policies or is not in the child's best interest.

Temperatures will be documented twice no less than 30 minutes apart to ensure accuracy on the illness form. If a child shows a fever on the first reading, they will be taken to the isolation room. The second reading will be in 30 min. Parents are required to sign illness forms when a child is being sent home. If the child is not able to return to school the following day the roll call sheet must be highlighted in PINK to indicate that the child is not to be accepted without additional documentation or for a mandatory one full business day (example: The child leaves the center ill on Thursday, they will not be accepted into the classroom until Monday and only with a physician's note and/or the child is visibly free from communicable disease as described above).

Please sign and Date below that you understand this updated policy.

Parent signature/ Child's name

Date