



GUIDANCE FOR ILLNESS

Families are required to have a backup plan for care in the event of short- or long-term exclusion due to illness. Thank you for being partners in care while fostering a healthy learning environment.

ILLNESS & MEDICATION-FREE

Storybook Village Preschool does not provide care for children with illness symptoms, even for common colds, since they may be contagious if your child needs medicine to feel better and needs to stay home. Our Parent Handbook provides more information and support for families.

EXCLUSION POLICIES

If a child has been diagnosed with a specific illness or develops compatible symptoms after exposure to a communicable disease or during an outbreak, follow instructions for when the child may return to child care based on that illness. See our Parent Handbook.

ILLNESS SYMPTOMS

If one or more of the following symptoms is present in your child, we will call you to pick up your child from school as soon as possible: Common cold, sore throat, congestion, Runny nose (see 'Allergies' in the handbook); Diarrhea; Fever 100.0 or higher; Vomiting; Body rash (See 'Rash' guidelines) Thick mucus or pus draining from the eye (Pink Eye or conjunctivitis); Head lice or nits; Severe coughing or makes a high-pitched whooping sound after coughing; A child is irritable, continuously crying, or requires more care than we can provide without compromising other's health and safety in our care.

EXCLUSION FOR 24-HOURS (ENTIRE FOLLOWING DAY)

If children have any symptoms of illness or a known common cold, they cannot attend SVP until they are symptom-free for 24 hours without medication (the entire following school day) before they may return to preschool. (For example, if a child wakes up with symptoms of illness, they will need to stay home for the day, including the entire following day; it would be the same policy as if they were sent home with symptoms.) For all new onset of symptoms, the 24-hour exclusion policy applies.

COVID-19 POLICY

CDHP recommends responding to COVID-19, such as respiratory infections, influenza, and RSV. If a child shows symptoms of illness, they must isolate until they are symptom-free without medication, following the 24-hour exclusion policy. If there is exposure in the household, people who tested positive take additional precautions for the next five days—including improving ventilation, masking, and limiting close contact with others. If a child tests positive, they must remain home for five days unless they are symptom-free without medication for 24 hours. Testing for COVID-19 is not required to return once the child is healthy, meeting the guidance for common colds.

Handwashing can prevent 1 in 3 diarrhea-related sicknesses and 1 in 5 respiratory infections, such as a cold or the flu. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC) The guidance is adapted from The California Department of Public Health (CDPH)

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