



SHBC ELC WELLNESS POLICY

Our first priority at ELC is providing a healthy, safe learning environment for all children. Children/Staff will be sent home as soon as possible if any of the following is experienced: an illness prevents the child from participating comfortably in activities (as determined by the staff); an illness results in a greater need for care than the staff can reasonably provide without compromising the health or safety of other children in the classroom; or a child is experiencing any of the following conditions:

- Fever- oral temperature 101 degrees (or greater), armpit or ear temperature 100 degrees (or greater), until 24 hours symptom free without fever reducing medication.
- Signs/symptoms of severe illness, including: lethargy, uncontrolled coughing, inexplicable irritability or persistent crying, difficulty breathing, and/or wheezing.
- Two instances of Diarrhea (not associated with diet changes or medications) - until diarrhea stops for 24 hours or the continued diarrhea is deemed not infectious by a licensed health care professional.
- Blood in stool not explainable by dietary change, medication, or hard stools.
- Vomiting (One instance), the child can return after vomiting has been resolved for 24 hours or until a health care provider determines the cause for vomiting is not contagious and the child is not in danger of dehydration.
- Persistent abdominal pain (continues more than 2 hours) or intermittent pain associated with fever or other signs/symptoms of illness.
- Mouth sores with drooling, unless a heal care provider determines the sores are not contagious.
- Rash until a physician determines that these symptoms do not indicated a communicable disease.
- Pink eye (conjunctivitis) until after treatment has been initiated for 24 hours.
- Head lice, from the end of the day until after first treatment.
- Scabies, until after treatment has been completed.
- Tuberculosis, until a health care provider states that the child is on appropriate therapy and can attend childcare.
- Impetigo, until 24 hours after treatment has been initiated.
- Hand Food and Mouth, until sores have dried and crusted and no fever.
- Strep throat, until 24 hours after initial antibiotic treatment and cessation of fever.

- Chicken pox, until all sores have dried and crusted (usually 6 days).
- Pertussis, until 5 days of appropriate antibiotic treatment has been completed.
- Mumps, until 9 days after onset of symptoms.
- Hepatitis A virus, until 1 week after onset of illness.
- Measles, until 4 days after onset of rash.
- Rubella, until 6 days after onset of rash.
- Unspecified respiratory tract illness accompanied by another illness which requires exclusion.
- Herpes simplex, with uncontrollable drooling.

ELC reserves the right to make the final determination of exclusion due to illness. Any exceptions to our illness policy will require a written note from a licensed health care professional stating that the child is not contagious.