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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF WESTERN LANE COUNTY**

CHILD SAFETY

HEALTH & MEDICATION POLICY

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Health & Medication Policy

Club staff must be aware of any medical conditions, health issues, or allergies that our members may have. This information helps Club staff make informed decisions for the safety of the youth.

Health

Club members should be kept home anytime they have a fever, rash, sore or runny eyes, contagious illness, diarrhea, or head lice.

- If a child stays home from school, they may NOT come to the Club that same day.

Members who develop symptoms of a contagious illness while at the Club will be removed from activities and must be picked up within 30 minutes and are not eligible to return to the Club until 24 hours after being symptom free.

Club members exhibiting any of the following will need to be picked up immediately:

- Fever (100 degrees or above)
 - Members may not return to the Club until their temperature has been below 100 degrees, without the use of fever-reducing medications for 24 hours.
- Vomiting/Diarrhea/Bacterial Infection
 - Members may return to the Club 24 hours after last experience.
- Rashes/Skin Infections
 - Members with rashes or skin infections (ringworm, scabies, staph, cellulitis, etc.)
The rash and/or skin infection must remain covered until completely healed.
- Pink Eye
 - Members with pink eye must be symptom free before they may return to the Club.

Additional symptoms that prevent members from attending or remaining at the Club include, but are not limited to, sore throat, headache, congestion/runny nose, shortness of breath, muscle aches, stomach aches, fatigue, and chills.

Lice

If a Club member appears to have head lice, a private screening may be performed by staff. If lice or nits are found, the member will be removed from activities and parents or guardians will be notified of required pickup and requirements to return.

Members with lice must remain out of the Club for 24 hours after treatment and will be subject to a head check yielding no lice or nits before they may return to the Club.

It is unlikely that notice would be sent home to all the members in the Club when an active case of lice is found, and Club staff will never disclose the name(s) of those affected.

Medication

If a Club member must take medication during their time at the Club, they must be able to self-administer the medication according to the directions of a health care provider or be able to read and follow the directions listed on the container without assistance. All medications must be in their original packaging in the Club member's name (if prescription).

All medications must be given to the Site Director and will be stored in a secure location. The only exception is for maintenance or emergency medications which Club members may keep on their person.

Club staff, volunteers, and board members are prohibited from administering prescription or over the counter medications to Club members. The only exception to this is the administration of emergency lifesaving medications of epinephrine through an auto-injector, known as an EpiPen, and administration of an inhaler. Club staff will be trained on how to safely assist with administration of these medications.

If a Club member requires either of the medications mentioned above, they must bring them as the Club will not have these items on hand as they require medical prescriptions.

Sunscreen & Insect Repellent

Items such as sunscreen or insect repellent must be provided by the Club member's family. Club members must be able to apply these items without the assistance of someone else. Club staff, volunteers, or board members are unable to assist with the application of these items.

The Club is not responsible for reactions to proper or improper usage of sunscreen or insect repellent or if a Club member chooses to borrow items from another Club member.