

Infant/Toddler Illness Guidelines

Infant and Toddler children will be excluded from school for the reasons outlined below:

Note: The following list covers most common illnesses, but is not inclusive of all reasons for exclusion.

- Illness that prevents the child from participating comfortably in program activities, such as playing outdoors.
- Illness that results in a greater need for care than staff can provide without compromising the health and safety of other children.
- **Fever** (100° axillary) accompanied by other symptoms such as lethargy, irritability, constant crying, difficulty breathing, diarrhea, or vomiting.
 - Note: Infants less than four months of age will be excluded if they have a fever of 100° axillary and should receive medical attention as soon as possible.
- **Diarrhea**- stools with blood or mucous, and/or uncontrolled, unformed stools that cannot be contained in a diaper/underwear or toilet.
- **Rash with a fever or behavioral changes**, unless a physician has determined that it is not a communicable disease.
- **Purulent conjunctivitis** (defined as pink or red conjunctiva with white or yellow eye discharge), until the child has been on antibiotics for 24 hours.
- **Impetigo**, until 24 hours after treatment has begun.
- **Strep throat**, until 24 hours after treatment has begun.
- **Head lice**, until after treatment has begun and all nits (eggs) are removed.
- **Scabies**, until 24 hours after treatment has begun.

A child who has been excluded from school due to illness from school may return:

- When he or she is free of fever, vomiting, and diarrhea for a full 24 hours.
- When he or she has been treated with an antibiotic for a full 24 hours (unless otherwise specified).
- When he or she is able to participate comfortably in usual school activities, including outdoor time.