

SICKNESS/ILLNESS POLICY



We do our best to clean and disinfect classrooms, toys and materials used among the children daily. However, if and when your child(ren) get sick - we ask that you honor the 24-hour recuperation policy. **CHILDREN MUST BE SYMPTOM FREE FOR 24 HOURS!** You are not permitted to give your children medication that masks any sickness/illnesses. This includes medication for vomiting, diarrhea, and fevers.

100.4+ Fevers: Temperatures that are 100.4 or higher are considered a fever. Children may return to school when their temperature has been consistently normal for a full 24 hours without fever-reducing medication.

Vomiting: Children may return 24 hours after symptoms are gone and can consume regular foods again, including the consumption of milk.

Diarrhea: Children may return to school 24 hours after symptoms are gone and are back to consistently normal bowel movements. Bowel movements must be contained inside the diaper, or (if potty trained) - can make it to the bathroom in time.

Antibiotics: Children must be on an antibiotic for a full 24 hours before returning to the center. This helps prevent the spread of illness and allows parents to monitor their children for any reactions that may occur due to the medication.

We understand the importance of having your children with us, but also how crucial it is to keep other children healthy, and our staff in good health, so we can continue to care for everyone's children collectively.

It is important to know that if your child comes back to school and begins to show reoccurring symptoms halfway through the day, you will be called to pick up your child again and will have to restart the 24-hour recuperation period. Giving your children medication "to get through the day", does not keep other children (or staff) healthy. So please make sure you are doing your part and ensuring that your child is fully back to themselves and can function in day-to-day activities (this includes being able to actively play, take naps as normal, back to regular toileting habits, and the ability to consume all planned meals/drinks throughout the day) before returning them back to school.

Lastly, if your children are on medication for any other reason, we need to know about it in the case of an emergency. The last thing we would want is for your child to be over-medicated if emergency personnel would have to administer life saving medication. Thank you for understanding.

