



Kids Korner Illness Policy

At Kids Korner one of our main priorities is the health and safety of your children. Therefore, when your child is not going to be attending childcare you must call to let us know so we do not worry if they have not arrived by their usual time. If we do not hear from you, we will be calling to check in on your child on a daily basis.

To maintain a safe and healthful environment for your child and for those around him or her, the following policies have been established regarding illness and will be firmly enforced. Your child may not attend childcare or preschool if he or she has any of the following:

1. A fever of 101° F or higher for any reason (viral or communicable cause). The child must be fever free for 24 hours and Tylenol will not be given to mask a fever.
2. Is unable to participate comfortably in programmed activities due to illness, unusual fatigue, paleness, lack of appetite and confusion or irritability.
3. Is suspected or diagnosed with any of the following communicable diseases and or symptoms of illness (see specific requirements for each illness):
 - **Diarrhea**
 - Two or more abnormally loose stools. Stools may contain blood, be discolored or foul odorous.
 - Child may not return to childcare until diarrhea-free for 24-hours.
 - **Conjunctivitis or Pink Eye**
 - Viral or bacterial infection that results in redness of eye(s), with or without yellow/greenish discharge.
 - Must be seen by a health care provider and if diagnosed, child must have 24 hours of medication prior to returning to childcare.
 - Chronically blocked tear ducts must be monitored by a health care provider and if bacterial drainage is present, the child must be treated with medication to remain in childcare.
 - **Impetigo**
 - Bacterial skin infection creating a honey-crusted lesion on face or extremities.
 - Must be seen by a health care provider and if diagnosed, child must have 24 hours of medication prior to returning to childcare.
 - May **not** have any weeping lesions present.
 - **Vomiting**
 - Child may not return to childcare until free of vomiting for 24-hours.
 - **Teething**
 - Including severe irritability and discomfort, multiple loose stools, severe lack of appetite and low-grade fever (rarely above 101).
 - Fever criteria previously listed also applies.

- **Strep Throat or Tonsillitis**

- Bacterial infection of throat that must be confirmed by a health care provider.
- Must complete 24-hours of medication prior to returning to childcare and fever criteria previously listed also applies.

- **Lice or Scabies**

- Lice, or live mites or nits (eggs) present in hair. Scabies, or live mites in the webs of fingers, toes and wrist region that cause rash and severe itching.
- For lice, first treatment must be completed (MIX, Rid or other product) prior to returning to childcare. Other recommendations include repeating treatment in 1-2 weeks, washing and drying garments and bedding, daily use of conditioning shampoo and removal of nits with fine nit comb.
- For scabies, diagnosis should be confirmed by a healthcare professional and initial treatment should be completed prior to returning to childcare.

- **Fifth Disease**

- Viral illness (cold cough) with rash likely involving face (slapped cheek appearance) followed by lacey rash on extremities, chest and trunk.
- Most contagious 2-4 days prior to rash appearing (not contagious after onset of rash).
- A healthcare provider should confirm diagnosis.
- Child may attend with rash; however, fever criteria previously listed will apply.

- **Chicken Pox**

- Viral illness with rash appearing on face, scalp, neck, trunk and extremities. Must be confirmed and diagnosed by health care provider.
- Rash first appears flat then blisters appear which eventually crust over. It is contagious 1-2 days prior to rash appearing and until all lesions are crusted over.
- Child may not attend childcare until all lesions are crusted over and fever criteria previously listed also applies.
- Please note that even those children who have received a varicella vaccine may still break out in lesions and if diagnosed, must follow the same criteria.

- **Measles**

- Viral illness with flat, discolored areas of rash with solid red raised areas.
- Onset is typically 8-12 days after being exposed and symptoms include itchy rash, cough, fever, bloodshot eyes and sensitivity to light.
- Typically begins on the head and spreads to other parts of the body.
- Child may not return to childcare until 4 days after onset of rash.
- Fever criteria previously listed also applies.

- **Severe Coughing or Difficult or Rapid Breathing**

- May include pneumonia, bronchitis, reactive airway disease or asthma that must be diagnosed by a health care provider.
- Depending on severity of symptoms and communicability of disease, child must have notice from physician to return to childcare and must have completed at least 24-hours of medication depending on which disease is diagnosed.
- Fever criteria previously listed also applies.

- **Meningitis**

- Swelling and inflammation of the membranes covering the brain and spinal cord.
- Symptoms include fever, chills, nausea, vomiting, headache, stiff neck and light sensitivity.
- Follow physician directives.

- **Yellowing of Eyes or Skin**

- May indicate serious illness and must be evaluated by a healthcare professional.

- **Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease**

- Viral infection with blister like lesions on hands, feet and inside of mouth (may involve all or just one region). Contagious prior to outbreak of lesions only.
- Child may attend childcare provided oral lesions do not limit eating and participation.
- Fever criteria previously listed also applies.

- **Excessive Ear Drainage**

- A yellow, green or brown colored discharge, with a pungent, musty or foul odor coming from ear canal due to swimmers ear or ear tube drainage.
- If prescribed by a health care professional, eardrops should be used to control drainage from seeping outside ear.
- Fever criteria previously listed also applies.

- **Roseola**

- Viral infection causing fever for 3-4 days followed by rash on trunk, face and extremities.
- A health care provider should confirm diagnosis.
- Child may attend once our fever criteria have been met, even if rash still remains.

- **Tuberculosis (TB)**

- A contagious bacterial infection involving the lungs but may also spread to other organs.
- Symptoms include cough that sometimes produces phlegm, coughing up blood, excessive sweating, fatigue, fever and weigh loss.
- Follow physician directives. Child may not return to childcare until health care provider states the child is on appropriate therapy and is safe to return to care.

- **Whooping Cough (Pertussis)**

- A highly contagious disease that is known to last for up to 6 weeks.
- Symptoms are similar to the common cold and include sneezing, low-grade fever and runny nose. Secondary symptoms include production of thick mucus, burst of coughing, and a loud “whoop” sound made from the inspiration of air after a cough.
- Follow physician directives. Child may not return to childcare until 5 consecutive days of antibiotic treatment is completed.

Parents will be given one (1) hour from the time of notification to pick up of a child that is ill. If the child is not picked up within this timeframe, an additional charge of \$5.00 for each 15 minutes a parent is late.

If a child has been diagnosed with a communicable illness, he or she should remain at home and excluded from childcare/preschool for 24-48 hours – or as recommended in writing by a healthcare professional. We appreciate your cooperation with our illness policies at Kids Korner, Kids Korner two and Kids Campus. Our goal is to provide a healthy environment for your child.