



Policy on the Management of Communicable Diseases

ILLNESS. Some illnesses have to be reported to the school. Under New Jersey law, all children enrolled at the school and their parents are subject to the Policy in the Management of Communicable Disease (N.J.A.C. 10.122-7.11)

If a child exhibits any of the following symptoms, the child should not attend the center. If such symptoms occur at the center, the child will be removed from the group, and parents will be called to take the child home.

- Severe pain or discomfort
- Acute diarrhea
- Episodes of acute vomiting
- Lethargy
- Severe coughing
- Yellow eyes or jaundiced skin
- Red eyes with discharge
- Infected, untreated skin patches
- Difficult or rapid breathing
- Skin rashes in conjunction with fever or behavior changes
- Skin lesions that are weeping or bleeding
- Mouth sores with drooling
- Stiff neck

At the discretion of the Director; if a child is dismissed because of any of the previous illnesses, a doctor's note will be required for child to return to school. Once the child is symptom-free, or has a health care provider's note stating that the child no longer poses a serious health risk to himself/herself or others, the child may return to the center unless contraindicated by local health department or Department of Health.

EXCLUDABLE COMMUNICABLE DISEASES. A child or staff member who contracts an excludable communicable disease **may not** return to the center without a health care provider's note stating that the child presents no risk to himself/herself or others. These diseases include respiratory, gastrointestinal, and contact illnesses such as Impetigo, Scabies, and Shingles.

Note: If a child has the chicken pox, a note from the parent stating that all sores have dried and crusted is required. If a child is exposed to any excludable disease at the center, parents will be notified in writing.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORTING GUIDELINES Some excludable communicable diseases must be reported to the health department by the center. The Department of Health's Reporting Requirements for Communicable Diseases and Work-Related Conditions Quick Reference Guide, a complete list of reportable excludable communicable diseases, can be found at: http://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/reportable_disease_magnet.pdf.

I have read and understood the policy on the management of communicable diseases from Key Element learning.

Parent/Guardian

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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