

Health Care Plan and Guidelines

Mildly Ill Children

All age mildly ill children will be excluded from care when:

More care than is available is being required by the child's illness or their reaction to same.

- ✓ Persistent signs of possible illness (child is lethargic, is coughing uncontrollably, has persistent abdominal pain, becomes highly irritable, is crying inconsolably, has difficulty breathing, is wheezing or displays other unusual signs of illness until a medical evaluation dictates that the child is well enough to return to daycare)
- ✓ Persistent diarrhea (three or more stools in a 24-hour period, increased stool water, dehydration, blood in stool, etc.)

Infants from 0-6 mos. will be excluded from care when:

- ✓ A rectal temperature reading is above 101 degrees Fahrenheit; or
- ✓ Arm pit temperature is above 100 degrees Fahrenheit

Infants 6+ mos. will be excluded from care when:

- ✓ Whenever fever (oral-101+ degrees; rectal-102+ degrees; arm pit-100+ degrees) is accompanied by a behavioral change, stiff neck, a rash, unusual irritability, poor feeding, vomiting or excessive crying.
 - ✓ Undiagnosed Rash
 - ✓ Pink Eye
 - ✓ Untreated infestations (lice, scabies or bedbugs)
 - ✓ Vomiting three or more times in a previous 24-hour period or any vomiting accompanied by symptoms of dehydration
 - ✓ Contagious stages of Chicken Pox
 - ✓ Mouth Sores
 - ✓ Diarrhea due to Shigella, Salmonella, Campylobacter, Giardia, E.coli type O157:H7, Versinia, Cryptosporidium, until there is one negative stool test obtained at least 48 hours after treatment
 - ✓ Active Tuberculosis
 - ✓ Impetigo
 - ✓ Step Throat
 - ✓ Mumps
 - ✓ Rubella
 - ✓ Hepatitis A
 - ✓ Pertussis
 - ✓ Shingles
- Diphtheria
 - Hepatitis B
 - Meningitis or meningococcal disease

Child Health Policies

- ✓ Parents must provide proof of immunization and lead screenings upon enrollment and each time a child is due for vaccines (2, 4, 6, 18, 24 and 48 months); parents must provide a copy of the immunization card to keep in the child's file
- ✓ Immediately advise parent, takes child's temperature and follow guidelines in the previous section (when to exclude children from care), precautions will also be taken so that the mildly ill child does not come into direct contact with the well children until they are picked up by their parent
- ✓ Levels of illness for which care will be provided will be outlined in the Parent/Provider Contract
- ✓ Policies for administering medication are as follows:
 - complete OCFS-approved MAT
 - be at least 18 years-old
 - have current certification in CPR
 - have current certification in First Aid; and
 - be listed on the health care plan approved by the program's health care consultant and OCFS