



CITY OF FALLS CHURCH

Communicable Disease and Sick Policy

Staff will notify the parent when their child becomes ill. The parent will arrange to have the child picked up as soon as possible if so requested by the center.

Parents will inform the center within 24 hours or the next business day after his or her child or any member of the immediate household has developed any communicable disease, as defined by the State Board of Health, except for life threatening diseases which must be reported immediately.

When a child has been diagnosed with a communicable disease, the Falls Church Community Center Preschool program will require a doctor's note indicating when it is acceptable for the child to return to school. If you bring your child back to school without a doctor's note, your child will not be allowed to remain in school that day. You must provide staff with a written medical note indicating the date the child is cleared to return to school.

Please consider the guidelines when deciding whether to send your child to school:

Colds: Consider keeping your child at home if he/she is experiencing discomfort from cold symptoms, such as nasal congestion and cough. A continuous green discharge from the nose may be a sign of an infection. Consider having the child seen by your health care provider.

Conjunctivitis (Pink-Eye): Following a diagnosis of conjunctivitis, the child may return to school 24 hours after the first dose of prescribed medicine.

Diarrhea and/or Vomiting: A child with diarrhea and/or vomiting should stay home and return to school only after being symptom-free for 24 hours.

Fever: The child should remain at home with a fever greater than 100 degrees. The child will only be allowed to return to school after he/she has been fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine such as Tylenol or Motrin. Please do not give medication for a cold and/or fever and then bring the child to school the same day. If this happens, we will not allow the child to remain in school.

Rashes: Common infectious diseases with rashes (i.e. Chickenpox, etc.) are most contagious in the early stages. A child with suspicious rash will only be allowed to return to school after a health care provider has made a diagnosis and authorized the child's return to school.

Read, sign and return the following agreement the week prior to your child's start date. By signing, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Communicable Disease/Sick Policy. I also agree to the following:

An authorization for emergency medical care should an emergency occur when the parent cannot be located immediately, unless the parent has stated, in writing, an objection to the provision of such care on religious or other grounds.

Child's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

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