



CITY OF FALLS CHURCH

Communicable Disease and Sick Policy

Staff will notify the parent when their child becomes ill. Your child will be removed from the class and held separately until pick up. It's the parent's responsibility to arrange pick up ASAP, prior to the scheduled end time.

Parents will inform the center within 24 hours or the next business day after your child or any member of the immediate household has developed and/or been diagnosed with any communicable disease, as defined by the State Board of Health, except for life threatening diseases or COVID-19 which must be reported immediately. The Falls Church Community Center Preschool Program will require a doctor's note indicating when it is acceptable for your child to return to the program. If you bring your child back to the program without a doctor's note, your child will not be allowed to remain in the program that day. You must provide staff with a written medical note indicating the date your child is cleared to return to preschool programs.

If your child is showing symptoms of COVID-19, has been around anyone who has tested positive or has shown symptoms, they must remain home for 14 days. If your child tests positive for COVID-19 you must report this to the Community Center immediately. Your child will not be allowed to return without a written medical note indicating the date your child is cleared to return. If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 it will be reported to the Fairfax County Health Department and operations will proceed in consultation with their recommendations.

If your child is sent home with COVID-19 symptoms, you are required to have your child tested prior to returning.

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

Colds: Your child must remain at home if he/she is experiencing discomfort from cold symptoms, such as nasal congestion and cough (due to these symptoms mirroring those of COVID-19). 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 the program 24 hours after the first dose of prescribed medicine. A doctor's note is required.

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

Fever: Your child must remain at home with a fever greater than 101 degrees. Your child will only be allowed to return to the program 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 your child to class the same day. If this happens, we will not allow the child to remain in the program.

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 the program after a health care provider has made a diagnosis and authorized the child's return to class.

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/COVID-19 Policy.

Child's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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