

ILLNESS POLICY GUIDELINES

You are the best judge of your child's health, and we trust you will not to bring your sick child to the center. However, if the teaching staff/director/owner believe your child is sick, we will call you to come and pick them up within one hour of notification. Your child will be isolated from the other children until you arrive.

The following criteria will be considered in determining if your **child must go home:**

- A fever of 100.8 degrees or more, this does apply at home as well
- Irritation of the eyes (excessive redness, glassy or discharge)
- Vomiting
- 3 incidences of diarrhea or loose stool
- Communicable disease as defined by the Department of Health Services/Center for Disease Control
- Unknown rash/unknown spots
- Excessive visual nasal discharge, (5 times or more within a 20-minute period) especially if yellow or greenish, as this indicates infection.
- Pain
- If you are choosing NOT to take your child to the doctor, and your children enrolled with Safari are exhibiting any noticeable signs or symptoms of illness, then those children must stay home, however, other children within the home MAY be present at Safari if they are NOT exhibiting signs or symptoms of illness. Children that are home ill will need to stay home until they are fever free for 24 hours (without a fever reducer) and 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting and diarrhea. This is to allow ample time for recovery and stop the spread of illness to the other children and staff.
- In the event anyone within the home is diagnosed with COVID-19, your child(ren) MAY come to Safari if they do not have any signs or symptoms of illness, we will NOT require them to wear a mask, but will highly encourage it for the 5-day period a family member must quarantine. Safari staff will monitor your child(ren) and if they begin exhibiting symptoms, they will be asked to go home until cleared by a doctor they are COVID-19 negative.

After your child has been ill, it is important to adhere to the following guidelines when determining whether your child is ready to **return to school**.

VIRAL DIAGNOSIS BY HEALTHCARE PROVIDER:

- Your child will need to be home for a minimum of 6 days from date of diagnosis before they return
- Fever free (without the aid of medication)
- Mood, appetite, behavior, and activity are again normal
- Vomiting, diarrhea cleared for 48 hours from the last episode

- Frequent coughing, excessive nasal discharge resolved
- Pain (earache, cramps, headache, etc.) resolved

BACTERIAL DIAGNOSIS BY HEALTHCARE PROVIDER:

- Antibiotics/eyes and/or ear drops (if prescribed) have been used for a full 24 hours
- Fever free (without the aid of medication)
- Mood, appetite, behavior, and activity are again normal
- Vomiting, diarrhea cleared for 48 hours from the last episode
- Frequent coughing, excessive nasal discharge resolved
- Pain (earache, cramps, headache, etc.) resolved

It is your responsibility to notify the school if your child has a communicable disease or infection such as: vomiting, measles, mumps, chicken pox, hand foot and mouth, head lice, strep, RSV, etc. A note will be posted on the door of the center when there have been 3 exposure cases reported of a communicable illness.

Please consult with your Center Owner or Director if you need additional information.

Children returned to the center with signs of illness or communicable disease will be refused admittance.

- A medical sheet will be maintained to record any injuries/accidents or medications dispensed.
- Meds (Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Benadryl)-Will ONLY be given for comfort or fever if the child is going home within the hour.
- Meds (Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Benadryl) Will ONLY be given to a child that does NOT go home, in the occurrence of an injury.

Medication Administration Policy

THE FIRST DOSE MUST BE GIVEN AT HOME

Medications, both prescription and over the counter, are rarely given at school; the only exceptions involve special or serious problems where it deemed necessary by the physician that the medication be given during school hours. The parent is urged, with the help of your child’s physician, to work out a schedule of giving medication at home, outside school hours, whenever possible.

IF MEDICATION IS TO BE ADMINISTERED AT SCHOOL, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS MUST BE MET

- A signed request from a licensed physician/dentist specifying the condition for which the medication is to be given, the name, dosage, route, side effect and specific instructions for emergency treatment must be on file at school. Our staff is not authorized to determine when an “as needed” medication is to be given.

- Specific instructions are necessary. (MED SHEET)
- A signed request from the parent/guardian must be on file at school.
- Medication must be in your child's original, labeled pharmacy container written in English.
- All liquid medication must be accompanied by an appropriate measuring device.

If your child exhibits something out of the ordinary, not outlined in the current policy, we will ask your child to go home and be seen by a physician. Your child may return once the doctor deems the child is not contagious. Families MUST have a doctor's note before they are able to return to daycare, NO EXCEPTIONS! If we need to contact you for an emergency or need an immediate response, we will be calling you. If we want to just share information of a child's health status and don't need immediate action, we will share in Brightwheel.

STAFF:

Staff working in childcare facilities and schools are frequently exposed to various infectious disease and may become ill. Staff will be required to follow the same policies as the families and children within the center.

- In the event anyone within the home is diagnosed with COVID-19, you MAY come to work if you do not have any signs or symptoms of illness. If you begin to exhibit symptoms, you will be asked to go home until cleared by a doctor you are COVID-19 negative.
- Staff will also be required to wear a mask for 5 days following CDC guidelines of direct exposure while at work.