

## Sick Child Policy

The staff understands that it is difficult for working parents when their child is sick. However, it is extremely important that the health and well being of all the children and staff be taken into consideration. If your child has a temperature over 100.0 degrees, exhibits behavior changes or does not feel well enough to participate comfortably in the daily activities; he/she will need to be picked up from the center. Children should be picked up as soon as possible; no later than one hour from the time the parent was notified of the child's illness.

If your child has had diarrhea, vomiting, or a fever, and was sent home from our center, he/she will need to remain home the *day following* being sent home, and may not return until he/she is **free of symptoms for 24 hours** and has not been given any fever reducing medications for at least eight hours.

All babies less than four months of age with a temperature of 101 degrees or higher should seek medical attention. If your child has mucous discharge from the nose, eyes or ears, it may be an indication of an infection, so please keep your child home in such a case. It is difficult to keep children from spreading germs through hand to mouth contact (i.e.: touching nose or ears, rubbing eyes then touching toys). Our policy overrides any doctor's note as to when a child may return to the center.

When your child contracts any communicable diseases such as chickenpox, impetigo, hand-foot-mouth, conjunctivitis (pink eye), etc., **he/she may return to the center only with a physician's release.** We appreciate your assistance in helping us keep our center as healthy as possible.