



KIDS OF EXCELLENCE SICK POLICY 2022

WHEN IS MY CHILD TOO SICK TO ATTEND THE CENTER?

Each day, each child is observed by the classroom teacher on duty. Signs of a child being contagious or infectious could indicate that the child should not be admitted to the center. Should this occur, the parent will be requested to withhold the child from the center until written medical clearance is obtained from the child's pediatrician. We trust that you will not send your child to a school that is not feeling well or has a contagious disease. We ask parents to keep children at home if they have any of the following symptoms:

- **General**- If a student is sick, the child must be observed in person, by the doctor, it has to be a physical observation; virtual or by phone is not acceptable. Parents can not diagnose their child, they must be diagnosed by a different physician.
- **Vomiting**: Must be free for 24 hours
- **Fever >100.4**: Must be free for 24 hours (without the aid of fever-reducing medications)
- **Diarrhea**: Must be free for 24 hours or the child must be cleared by a doctor's note and his/her stool must be contained in a diaper or the toilet. (Diarrhea is defined as one loose stool that is not contained in the diaper or the toilet or over & above what is normal for that child). This includes diarrhea caused by the use of antibiotics and teething.
- **Unexplained rash**: Doctor's note stating rash is non-contagious.
- **Head lice and/or Scabies**: 24 hours after treatment has begun (bring empty box or receipt) and no nits (eggs) seen in the hair.
- **Chicken Pox**: After blisters have dried up and crusted (usually 6 days) & with a doctor's note.
- **Strep Throat**: After 24 hours of treatment with antibiotics has begun and no fever for 24hr, along with a doctor's note.
- **Ringworm**: Same day treatment starts & with a doctor's note.
- **Impetigo**: 24 hours after treatment with antibiotic ointment begins & doctor's note.
- **Conjunctivitis**: Pink or red eyes accompanied by white or yellow discharge, cannot return until 24 hours after treatment begins with drops/ointment & doctor's note.
- **Pain**: Earache, cramps, headaches, etc. Cannot return until resolved.
- **Excessive and/or green nasal discharge**: The child must be cleared by a doctor's note and discharge must be clear to return. If allergies, it can run green in the morning but shouldn't run all day, i.e. past noon and documentation must be provided.
- **Head, Foot, and Mouth**: Viral illness spread from person to person. Fever and blister-like eruptions in the mouth and/or a skin rash, poor appetite, or sore throat. Cannot return until 7-10 days with a doctor's note.
- **RSV**: Students should stay home for 8 days. RSV is highly contagious, this infection shuts down the entire classroom.
- **Croup**: The viruses that cause croup can be spread easily through coughing, sneezing, and respiratory secretions (mucus, droplets from coughing, or sneezing). Children with croup should be considered contagious for three days after the illness begins or until the fever is gone.
- **General Sickness**: If a student cannot participate in general activities due to illness or sleepiness, students must be sent home. Students must get proper rest to be able to function.
- **Signs of possible illness**: Lethargic, irritable, persistent coughing/crying, difficulty breathing, excessive sleepiness—can not return until resolved and cleared by a physician's note.
- **Vaccinations**: Any vaccination that a student takes, the student must return 24hrs after vaccination. I.E if a student takes a vaccination at 10 am, they cannot return until the next day.
- **COVID**: If a child is exposed to COVID at the center, the child must be tested 24 hours after exposure. Staff will monitor students to ensure no symptoms are present. If a child is exposed in the home setting, the child will need to be tested 72 hours after exposure. If a child is positive, the child must quarantine 5 days and be tested on the 6th day. A negative antigen test is required for all students to return after exposure or testing positive. If a vaccinated child is exposed, the child will not need to be tested unless the child is showing symptoms. At Home test will be accepted.
- **Medication**: If the medicine is 3 times a day, parents must apply (give) medication to students twice a day and school will apply once. Staff cannot apply (give) if the medicine is 2 times a day, parents must apply (give) medication to students.

Sick-up Policy – Students must be picked up within 30 minutes of an initial phone call. These are license rules.

The center reserves the right to exclude any child from the center if there is a concern for the health and safety of the other children in the facility. Should a child be determined to be contagious during the school day, teachers will remove the child from the classroom to protect the health and safety of other children. The sick child will be brought to the Program Director's office and made comfortable until a parent arrives to pick up the child. Universal precautions are followed and mandate that all teachers shall routinely use gloves, eye protection, masks, and gowns as appropriate, whenever a reasonable potential for exposure to bloodborne pathogens exists.

The following policies are state license and health department rules, Kids of Excellence is responsible for complying with these rules to meet license and health department requirements. The center takes training yearly to stay up to date with the rules and regulations, the state and health department requires 50% of staff to have these trainings, however, KOE has 100% staff take and implement these policies.

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Date _____