

## Sunflower Montessori – Sick Child Policy

Sunflower Montessori considers a child is ill and must be excused from the daycare facility when they have:

- An illness or condition that is considered contagious;
- Chicken pox (until 5 days has passed after diagnosed, no fever for 24 hours without medication and the lesions are crusted over);
- Vomited one or more times or diarrhea two or more times since admission that day. They may return when they have been vomit free for 24 hours;
- Had three or more abnormally loose stools since admission that day. They may return when they have been diarrhea free for 24 hours;
- Contagious conjunctivitis or pus draining from the eye;
- Profuse nasal discharge.
- A bacterial infection such as streptococcal pharyngitis or impetigo and has not completed 24 hours of antimicrobial therapy (on antibiotics for 24 hours);
- Unexplained lethargy;
- Lice, ringworm or scabies that is untreated and contagious to others. The child must be treated for 24 hours before child can return;
- A temperature of 100° F or higher taken auxiliary of undiagnosed origin before fever reducing medication is given. The child may return when fever free for 24 hours;
- An undiagnosed rash of a suspicious nature or a rash attributable to a contagious illness or condition; If your child has or was sent home with any undiagnosed/diagnosed rash, the child may not attend the Center for the next 4 (four) days or until the rash is gone.
- Significant respiratory distress;
- Not been able to participate in child care program activities with reasonable comfort;
- If a child is too ill to participate in scheduled outside activities, the child is too ill to be in attendance of the center that day;
- A requirement of more care than the program staff can provide without compromising the health and safety of the other children in care;
- Any child who is experiencing an unusually sore or sensitive bottom that is red in appearance, blisters and/or experiencing pain when urinating, will be sent home pending a doctor's notice. **The doctor's notice does not apply if the staff cannot reasonably comfort the child.**
- A doctor's notice stating the child does not have an illness of a contagious nature will be accepted on a case by case basis to allow the child to return to care. **The doctor's notice does not apply if the staff cannot reasonably comfort the child.**

### A doctor's note must contain below information:

- **your child's condition**  
**and**
- **that it is not contagious.**

**Children should remain home for 24 hours or till fever returns to normal without the aid of Tylenol or any other medication.**

### **Contagious Illness or Condition**

It is the parent's responsibility to report to the day care within a 24-hour period if their child has contracted a contagious illness. If a child is exposed to any contagious disease or illness at school, the exposure notice will be distributed to the parents.

\*\*\*Please note, that we may not be able to accept your child if brought to the Center **the next day** after sending him/her home with fever, an undiagnosed rash or any of the above illnesses including Strep and Ear Infections.

### **Procedures when a child becomes ill at the Center**

When a child becomes ill while at the daycare center, the parent will be contacted immediately. The child must be picked up **within a one-hour** time period after receiving the phone call. We will make the child comfortable until the parent arrives. If the parent(s) are unreachable we will call the emergency contact person(s) indicated on your child's registration form. Please make arrangements with your emergency contact person(s) in advance as to what will be done if your child becomes ill and you are unreachable. It is your responsibility to advise us when your contacts or your emergency numbers change.

We understand the inconvenience caused by sending your child home or requesting a doctor's note. These measures are taken mainly to safe guard all children (including yours), and the teachers at our Center.

### **Over the Counter Medication**

We are unable to administer any medication including pain medication without an updated doctor's note and medication permission form (these last a maximum of two weeks from the date in effect).

Sunscreen lotions, lip balm and diapering cream etc., will also need written permission from parents.

### **Administering of medication**

Prescription medication must have written permission from the parents **and** physician to be administered at the center. Signed written instructions from a physician or dentist is necessary and will be strictly followed. A current prescription label with the practitioner's name and instruction will not suffice