

Little Doodie's Home Childcare

Health Care Policy

We ask that you notify us at least one hour prior to your scheduled start time if your child is ill and will not be attending.

If your child becomes ill while in our care, he/she will be sent home. Your emergency card must include current information about where parents can be reached and the persons authorized to pick the child up in case of illness. Please note that if your child is sent home they must be picked up within one hour of my calling. The following guidelines for determining whether or not your child should stay home:

Fever: Defined as a temperature of 100.5° or higher, as measured with a digital thermometer in the ear. Children should not return to care until fever is no longer present for **twenty-four (24) hours**, without use of fever-reducing agents such as Tylenol, aspirin or ibuprofen. Exceptions to this rule may be in certain instances where the child's doctor has cleared him/her to return to child care (doctors note on letter head or prescription pad required).

Vomiting: If your child has vomited 2 or more times in a 24 hour period please keep the child home until symptoms have been absent for 24 consecutive hours or your doctor decides he/she can return to childcare without danger to him/herself or to the other children in care (doctors note on letterhead or prescription pad required).

Diarrhea: If your child has had 3 or more watery stools please keep your child home. Diseases spread very easily among young children. If diarrhea occurs while in care you will be contacted to pick up your child and I will ask that you keep them home until they are free from diarrhea for 24 consecutive hours or until your doctors decides it is safe for the child to return to care (doctors note on letterhead or prescription pad required).

Pinkeye/Conjunctivitis and like diseases: Tears, redness of the eyelid lining, irritation followed by swelling and discharge is highly contagious! Keep children home until symptoms disappear or the doctor decides your child and return to childcare (doctors note on letterhead or prescription pad required).

I urge you to observe your child and not to bring him/her to childcare when an illness appears to be starting or is in progress. Parents rely on me for childcare while they work/study, etc.

Please come quickly if I call to inform you that your child is sick. If a child is sent home for possible contagious illness, I request that you keep them out of care for 24 – 72 consecutive hours depending on the illness and obtain a note from your pediatrician stating that your child is no longer contagious and able to return to childcare. Children should return only when they are well enough to fully participate in the programs.

Note:

If your child has a high temperature, flue like symptoms, chicken pox, or any other contagious disease, please do not bring him/her. If your child becomes ill while in attendance, I will attempt to contact the parents, if parents are unreachable an emergency contact person will be notified immediately for pick up. If they are unreachable, we will call the parent or guardian at work for pick-up.

If your child has been exposed to any communicable disease by either parent/family member I will ask for a doctor's note stating that your child/children are clear to be in care and that the parents are clear and safe to be around other children.

By signing the bottom of this page I acknowledge that I have read and understand each part of this contract.

Parent Signature

Date