

ILLNESS POLICY

Here at Discovery Years we pride ourselves on putting the health and welfare of the children before anything else. In keeping with this idea, it is imperative that we try to keep all of the children as healthy as possible. While it is understood that children who are in a peer group setting will get sick, we still try to do everything within our power to try to limit the frequency that this happens. Some of the measures that we take are: cleaning and disinfecting throughout the course of the day cleaning and disinfecting the entire center after our hours of operation on a daily basis, removing ill children from the group, sending ill children home, excluding ill children from care on the following day.

While we understand that it is difficult to take time off from work to stay home with your ill child or to make other child care arrangements, it is absolutely necessary in order to keep the other well children healthy. It is only through this measure that we will be able to keep a majority of the children attending our center on a regular basis. Also, as parents, you can assist us in keeping a majority of the children healthy by not bringing your child in if you suspect that he/she may be sick. This will help to stop the illness cycle and could possibly stop your child from getting infected again. Please understand that while this is our illness policy, it is in strict accordance with D.Y.F.S. standards and therefore legally we can not waiver from it. We thank you in advance for your anticipated adherence to the illness policy depicted below.

A child will not be admitted to the center or will be sent home if he/she shows one or more of the following symptoms:

- Severe pain or discomfort
- Two episodes of diarrhea, characterized as a change to a looser consistency within a period of 24 hours
- One episode of vomiting not caused by coughing, choking, and/or excessive crying
- Axillary temperature of 100.5 degrees Fahrenheit or over during the 24 hour period prior to drop off.
Note: A child is not considered to be fever free if he/she is taking a fever reducing medication
- Sore throat or severe coughing
- Yellow eyes or jaundiced skin
- Red eyes with discharge
- Infected, untreated skin patches
- Difficult rapid breathing
- Skin rashes, excluding diaper rash, lasting more than one day
- Weeping or bleeding skin lesions that have not been treated by a physician or nurse
- Swollen joints
- Visibly enlarged lymph nodes
- Stiff neck
- Blood in urine
- Inability to participate in the regular daily activities of the class

A child who demonstrates any or all of these symptoms will not be admitted back into the center the following day without a doctor's note stating that they are not contagious and pose no threat to the health and welfare of the other children.

By signing below, I state that I understand and will adhere to the Discovery Years' illness policy depicted above.

Parent Signature / Date