

HPC Preschool Illness Policy

You are the best judge of your child's health, and we trust you will not bring a sick child to the school. However, if in the opinion of the teaching staff/director your child is sick, we will call you to come and pick-up your child within one hour.

To reduce risk of infecting other children and/or staff, we will make accommodations to have an adult stay with your child in a separate setting until you arrive.

The following criteria will be considered in determining if your child must go home:

Fever of 100 degrees or more

Communicable disease as defined by the Department of Health Services/Center for Disease Control

Inflammation of the eyes (excessive redness, glassy or discharge)

Unknown rash

Vomiting

Excessive nasal discharge, especially if yellow or greenish, since this indicates infection

More than one incidence of diarrhea or loose stool which is not contained within clothing

Pain

*If your child is sent home due to illness, he/she cannot return to preschool until he/she has been free from symptoms for 24 hours **without the use of a fever reducer**. This is to allow your child ample time to recover and stop the spread of illness to the other children and staff.*

After your child has been ill, it is important to adhere to the following guidelines when determining whether or not your child is ready to return to school.

Mood, appetite, behavior and activity are again normal

Vomiting, diarrhea cleared for 24 hours

*No fever for 24 hours **without a fever reducer****

Frequent coughing, excessive nasal discharge resolved

Antibiotics (if prescribed) have been used for a full 24 hours (48 hours in the case of strep)

Pain (earache, cramps, headache, etc.) resolved

**In the case of testing positive for COVID 19, the current CDC recommendations state a person must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of a fever reducer AND symptoms must be improving.*