

Policy on the Management of Communicable Diseases

If a child exhibits any of the following symptoms, the child should not attend the program/center. If such symptoms occur at the center/program, the child will be removed from the group, parents will be called to take the child home.

- Severe pain or discomfort
- Diarrhea
- Episodes of vomiting
- Elevated oral temperature of 101.5 degrees Fahrenheit or axillary temperature of 100.5 degrees
- Lethargy
- Severe coughing
- Yellow eyes or jaundiced skin
- Red eyes with discharge
- Infected, untreated skin patches
- Difficult or rapid breathing
- Skin rash in conjunction with fever or behavior changes
- Skin lesion that is weeping or bleeding
- Mouth sores with drooling
- Stiff neck

Once the child is symptom-free for 24 hours, or has a health care provider's note stating that the child no longer poses a serious health risk to himself/herself or others, the child may return unless contradicted by local health department or Department of Health.

EXCLUDABLE COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

A child or staff member who contracts an excludable communicable disease may not return to the center/program without a health care provider's note stating that the child/staff member presents no risk to himself/herself or others.

Note: If a child has chicken pox, a note from the parent stating that all the sores have dried and crusted is required.

If a child is exposed to any excludable disease at the center, parents will be notified in writing.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORTING GUIDELINES

Some excludable communicable disease must be reported to the health department by the center/program. The Department of Health's Reporting Requirements for Communicable Diseases and Work-Related Conditions Quick Reference Guide, a complete list of the reportable excludable communicable diseases, can be found at:

http://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/reportable_disease_magnet.pdf.