



Illness Policy

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In order to protect the health and well-being of our students and staff, please keep your child home from school should s/he exhibit the following symptoms:

- Fever
- Rash, without a doctor's note stating that the rash is not contagious; the child may attend school
- Diarrhea, defined as runny, loose stools
- Vomiting
- Wheezing
- Strep throat, chickenpox or any other contagious illness
- Lethargy
- Ear pain
- Runny nose that cannot be contained by the child (child cannot wipe his/her nose and/or mucus may make contact with equipment/other children)

If your child exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 please keep your child home from school:

These symptoms include but are not limited to the following: (drawn from the Centers for Disease Control <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>)

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If your child shows symptoms that **do not include a fever or other signs of COVID –19**, your child may return to the program when:

- They have been symptom-free for 24 hours. If a child has been sent home sick from school the child may not attend school the following day.
- They have been treated with an antibiotic, when appropriate, for at least 24 hours
- They are able to participate comfortably in all typical program activities, including outdoor time
- Your doctor has provided a note stating the child’s condition is not contagious and that the child may return to school

If your child has a fever or shows symptoms of COVID-19 your child may return to school when the one of the following has been met:

- No fever of 72 hours without the use of fever reducing medications for at least 72 hours
- Negative test for COVID-19
- A note from a medical provider documenting no clinical suspicion of COVID-19 infection

If your child develops any of above symptoms at school we will notify you. For your child’s comfort and to reduce the possible spread of infection, you must pick your child up within 30 minutes of our phone call.

If your child is diagnosed with a contagious illness such as strep, please contact the school so that an Illness Alert, containing information about the condition, symptoms and treatment, can be provided to our families. If your child has been diagnosed with COVID-19, or if your child has been in contact with someone who has been diagnosed with the virus, please notify the school immediately. The school will then contact the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Department of Children and Family Services and will implement appropriate practices.

Should a child or adult be diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may not return to the program until all three of the following conditions are met:

- No fever of 72 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications for at least 72 hours
- Individual’s symptoms, including cough, have improved.
- It has been at least 10 days since the onset of the individual’s illness

As noted earlier, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic we will conduct wellness checks for each child at the time of arrival. In the event of a child or adult having a fever of over 100.4 or showing symptoms of COVID-19, that child or adult will be excluded from the program and encouraged to seek medical evaluation.