

Illness/wellness policy

The health and well being of the children at WACC is our first concern. In order to promote a healthy environment, we will undertake to ensure:

- Proper hygiene is maintained;
- Universal precautions are used for handling all bodily fluids;
- Proper hand washing techniques are used by all children and adults; and
- Families are informed of any outbreak of a contagious diseases.

Families are advised to keep their child at home or to seek alternate care arrangements for the following conditions:

- Pain - any complaints of unexplained or undiagnosed pain;
- A common cold with listlessness, runny nose and eyes, coughing and sore throat. Once the child's temperature, well being and energy have returned to normal, the child may no longer be contagious, and may be able to return to the childcare even though coughing and runny nose may persist. If the symptoms (runny nose and eyes, coughing) are caused by a known allergy (e.g. hay fever, asthma) the child is not contagious and does not have to be excluded;
- Difficulty in breathing - wheezing or a persistent cough;
- Fever (99.4 degrees F/38.3 degrees C or more);
- Sore throat or trouble swallowing;
- Infected skin or eyes, or an undiagnosed rash;
- Headache and stiff neck (should see physician);
- Unexplained diarrhea or loose stool (may or may not be combined with nausea, vomiting or stomach cramps). These symptoms may indicate a bacterial or viral gastrointestinal infection which is very easily passed from one child to another via the fecal-oral route. The child should be kept home until all symptoms have stopped;
- Nausea and vomiting;
- Evidence of head or body lice (including the presence of nits) or scabies; or
- Children with known or suspected communicable diseases. A doctor's note may be required before the child can return.

In Summary, a child must be kept at home (or taken home):

- When child is suffering from one or more of the above symptoms; or
- When child is not well enough to take part in the regular programs of the program; and
- At the discretion of the staff at WACC.

Ultimately, the care of a child who is ill or infectious is the parent's responsibility. IF YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN ABSENT FROM SCHOOL DUE TO ILLNESS, THEY WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND THE CENTER THAT DAY.

If your child becomes ill at WACC, you or your alternate will be called to come and pick up the child. WACC will make every effort to keep the child quiet and comfortable until you arrive. If we feel it is an emergency situation, we will call an ambulance for the child and contact you or your alternate immediately afterwards.

In order to return, your child must be fever free and symptom free for 24 hours without medication. We reserve the right to require a doctor note and/or other professional verification of treatment, depending on the condition, in order for the child to return to our care.