

U.S. KIDS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

HEALTH POLICY

We understand that children will occasionally get sick and that your child's illness is upsetting to both of you. However, if your child exhibits symptoms of illness (fever of 100 degrees or higher, vomiting, diarrhea, sore throat, frequent cough, heavy running nose, frequent sneezing, etc.) during a 24-hour period prior to scheduled attendance at the Center, your child should be kept at home until the above mentioned symptoms of illness have disappeared or a note from the physician accompanies the child stating that your child does not have a contagious condition. Please let us know if your child will not be attending the Center.

Should your child develop obvious symptoms of illness (fever of 100 degrees or higher, vomiting, diarrhea, sore throat, frequent cough, heavy running nose, frequent sneezing, etc.) or display what would be considered abnormal behavior (such as refusal to eat, unusual fatigue, excessive irritability) while at the Center, the child will be excluded from the Center for one school day and until the child is free of the above listed symptoms (e.g., if a child is sent home on Monday, (s)he may not return until Wednesday). In such an instance, "early pick-up" is required to take place as soon as possible and no later than one hour from the time that the staff person calls you to advise you of the need for early pick-up. Failure to pick up your child within one hour of notification will result in a late fee. Staff will make repeated efforts to contact you, or your child's designated alternative emergency contact, in order to assure that notice of the need for pick-up is received. You can facilitate this effort by taking steps to assure that you can be reached in the event of an emergency.

At the time of pick-up, you will be provided with a "Sick Exclusion Form," which will detail the information regarding the symptoms leading up to our request for early pick-up. It will also include information on when parents were contacted and regulations regarding your child's return to the center.

Please be prepared to follow the Director's decision regarding early pick-up. The director and staff realize that keeping your child at home may be inconvenient; however, when every parent cooperates, the spread of illness is kept to a minimum.

It should be noted that any child with an undiagnosed or contagious skin-condition cannot attend the Center. You must notify the Center within 24 hours of diagnosis in the event that your child is diagnosed as having any communicable disease/infection (e.g. strep throat, scarlet fever, head lice, chicken pox, measles).

Letters will also be posted informing parents of any communicable disease, infection period and when an infected child will be allowed to return to the Center.

In order to attend the Center, your child must be well enough to eat meals and snacks provided by the Center and to go outdoors.

Our staff will call you when it seems that your child is developing a health problem. We hope that such early communication can facilitate the resolution of health problems as they occur, thereby preventing the spread of illness.

THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED ILLNESS POLICIES WILL BE FIRMLY ENFORCED.

Child's Name:	Effective Date: ____/____/____
Signature:	Date: ____/____/____
Print Name:	Relationship to Child: