



Health and Illness Policy

You can help limit the spread of infections by checking your child carefully each day for the following symptoms and conditions. Please keep your child at home if any of these symptoms are present.

1. Signs of possible moderate or severe illness, including lethargy, irritability, persistent crying, difficulty breathing and/or inability to function in a group setting.
 - a. If a child becomes ill during his/her stay in daycare, parents will be called and the child will be kept in the office until he/she is picked up. Parents are expected to pick-up their child as soon as possible.
2. A child with a fever greater than 100° must be kept at home for a minimum of 24 hours after the fever has broken or if the child no longer requires fever-reducing medication.
 - a. Allergies? We are aware that many children suffer from allergies. If you are unsure as to whether your child has a cold or allergies **a good rule of thumb to follow is:** If a nasal discharge is yellow or green, this is a possible sign of infection – children may need to be placed on antibiotic. Ask your doctor at which point in the treatment it would be advisable for the child to return to daycare.
3. If your child has a persistent frequent cough that interferes with the child's activities.
4. Diarrhea defined as an increase in the number of stools compared with the child's normal pattern with increased stool water and/or decrease form (diarrhea that cannot be contained within diapers or toilet use).
5. Effortful vomiting, unless the vomiting is determined to be non-disease related and the child is not in danger of dehydration.
6. Rash with fever or behavior changes or a rash that is possibly infectious.
7. Chicken Pox – the child must be kept home until six (6) days after the onset of the rash or until all lesions have dried and crusted. Children who received the chicken pox vaccine should not be excluded. A rash can develop up to six weeks after a child received the vaccine. Rashes from the vaccine usually disappear sooner (by one or two days).
8. Strep Throat/Scarlet Fever – until 24 hours after treatment has begun.
9. Impetigo – a minimum of 24 hours after treatment has begun.
10. Ringworm – (head, body, genitals or feet infections) – until 24 hours after treatment has begun.
11. Scabies/Head Lice – the morning after the first treatment, your child will be allowed to return after being screened by an Administrator from the office. **All nits must be dead.**
12. Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye) – defined as pink or red conjunctive with white or yellow discharge often matted eyelids after sleep and including a child with eye pain or redness of the eyelid or skin around the eye – 48 hours on medication.
13. Mouth sores associated with an inability of the child to control his/her saliva.

The PWCC reserves the right for the protection of the children and staff, to ask a parent to take a child home if any of these symptoms are apparent at drop-off time, or any of the above occurs during your child's school day.

Please notify the Center immediately if your child develops or was exposed to any contagious condition.

A note from a physician may be required before a child will be re-admitted to the Center after certain illnesses.

Thank you for your cooperation.