



Cozy Corner Preschool Health Policy

Here are the health standards that we follow (a) when a person must be excluded; and (b) when a person may return.

An underarm temperature of 100 degrees F (37.8 degrees C) or higher, or an oral/ear temperature of 101 degrees F (38.3 degrees C) or higher; Underarm temperature has remained below 100 degrees F for twenty-four hours without medication.

- **Diarrhea:** The child must not attend until he/she has had twenty-four hours since the last episode; or has been examined by a doctor and received written medical clearance.
- **Vomiting:** The child must not attend the preschool until twenty-four hours have passed since last bout of vomiting and no other signs of illness is present.
- *Acute cold or flu-like symptoms with coughing, atypical runny nose, coloured discharge from nose or eyes and/or sore throat:*
Symptoms have subsided and/or child has been examined by a doctor and has received written medical clearance.
- *Has been on antibiotics for less than twenty-four hours:*
After a minimum of twenty-four hours has passed, depending on the condition
- *Skin infection, undiagnosed rash, eye infection, or any signs of contagious disease:*
Child has been examined by a doctor or public health nurse and has been properly treated and has received written medical clearance.
- *Any parasite-related condition (such as scabies)*

Children who are unwell may not participate in the preschool programs.

If a child becomes ill while at the preschool, a parent or guardian is contacted and requested to pick up the child as soon as possible. If a parent/guardian cannot be reached, the emergency contact person is called.

Parents/guardians are required to inform the preschool within twenty-four hours of a diagnosis of serious illness or contagious disease in the family or in the people that the family has been in contact with. The preschool is required to inform families and the Medical Health Office of reportable communicable diseases within the preschool (including staff or the families it serves).

Medication Procedure:

Staff will only administer prescription medication if it is provided in its original package and displays the following information:

- the child's name
- the physician's name
- amount to be administered
- time to be administered

Medication will only be administered as per the dosage shown on the label. Medication will be stored in a locked box, then placed in the cupboard. A medication form must be filled out by a guardian.

Please do not keep prescription medication in your child's belongings. For safety reason the staff will store the medication in a locked box.

It is important to take preventative measures to maintain the good health and wellbeing of your child. The following is encouraged:

- Proper handwashing
- Nutritious food
- Proper personal grooming habits
- Keeping the environment clean