

HEALTH GUIDELINES

These guidelines will be followed to maintain a healthy environment for all children and staff of the Center.

If a child exhibits any of the following symptoms, the child **SHOULD NOT** attend the center. If such symptoms occur at the center, the child will be removed from the group, and parents will be called to take the child home.

Temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher	Red eyes with discharge
Acute diarrhea	Yellow eyes or jaundice skin
Acute vomiting	Infected, untreated skin patches
Severe coughing	Skin rashes with fever
Severe pain or discomfort	Mouth sores with drooling
Difficult or rapid breathing	Skin lesions that are weeping or bleeding
Stiff neck	Lethargy

A child may return to the center after he/she has been "symptom free" for 24 hours or has a health care provider's note and no longer poses a serious health risk to himself/herself or others. This involves fever (without the use of antipyretics such as Tylenol or aspirin), cold, loose stools (without the use of antidiarrheal agents), vomiting, conjunctivitis ("pink-eye"), rash, etc.

A child who contracts any of the following diseases **MAY NOT** return to the center without a health care provider's note stating that the child presents no risk to himself/herself or others:

Chicken Pox	Campylobacter	Impetigo
German Measles	Escherichia coli	Lice
Hemophilus Influenzae	Giardia Lamblia	Scabies
Measles	Hepatitis A	Shingles
Meningococcus	Salmonella	Tuberculosis
Mumps	Shigella	Whooping Cough
Strep Throat		

If a child is exposed to any excludable disease at the center, parents will be notified in writing.

Policy on administering prescriptions or medications

- Medications must be in original container
- Medication must be prescribed for the child
- Must send in a prescription spoon
- Parents must indicate dosage and time
- Parents must send signed note and sign book
- Parents must advise us of any adverse effect medication may have

10:122-6.5 Policy on the release of children

- (a) The center shall maintain on file and follow a written policy on the release of children, which shall include:
1. The provision that each child may be released only to the child's parent(s) or person(s) authorized by the parent(s), as specified in N.J.A.C. 10:122-6.8(a)3, to take the child from the center and to assume responsibility for the child in an emergency if the parent(s) cannot be reached;
 2. The provision that, if a particular non-custodial parent has been denied access, or granted limited access, to the child by a court order, the center shall secure documentation to this effect, maintain a copy on file, and comply with the terms of the court order;
 3. Written procedures to be followed by staff member(s) if the parent(s) or person(s) authorized by the parent(s), as specified in (a)1 above, fails to pick up a child at the time of the center's daily closing. The procedures shall require that:
 - i. The child is supervised at all times;
 - ii. Staff members attempt to contact the parent(s) or person(s) authorized by the parents; and
 - iii. An hour or more after closing time, and provided that other arrangements for releasing the child to his or her parent(s) or authorized person(s) have failed and the staff member(s) cannot continue to supervise the child at the center, the staff member shall call the Division's 24-hour Child Abuse Hotline to seek assistance in caring for the child until the parent(s) or person(s) authorized by the child's parent(s) is able to pick up the child; and
 4. Written procedures to be followed by a staff member(s) if the parent(s) or person(s) authorized by the parent(s), as specified in (a)1 above, appear to be physically and/or emotionally impaired to the extent that, in the judgment of the director and/or staff member, the child would be placed at risk of harm if released to such an individual. The procedures shall require that:
 - i. The child shall not be released to such an impaired individual;
 - ii. Staff members attempt to contact the child's other parent or an alternative person(s) authorized by the parent(s); and
 - iii. If the center is unable to make alternative arrangements, as noted in (a)3ii above, a staff member shall call the Division's 24-hour Child Abuse Hotline to seek assistance in caring for the child.