



NOTICE TO PARENTS: ILLNESS EXCLUSION POLICY

For the health and safety of all children, your child **MUST** be kept home if they have **ANY** of the following symptoms. I am required by EEC regulations to refuse care or send your child home immediately.

KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME IF THEY HAVE:

1. **FEVER:** 100.4°F (38°C) or higher.
2. **VOMITING:** 2 or more times in 24 hours.
3. **DIARRHEA:** Runny, watery stools, especially with blood/mucus.
4. **SEVERE SYMPTOMS:** Uncontrolled coughing, difficulty breathing, wheezing, or extreme lethargy/irritability.
5. **RASH** with fever or behavior change.
6. **EYE DISCHARGE:** Thick mucus/drainage or pink eye (until 24 hours on medication).
7. **MOUTH SORES** with drooling.
8. **HEAD LICE** or **SCABIES** (until after first treatment).
9. **DIAGNOSED CONTAGIOUS ILLNESS** (e.g., strep throat, flu, COVID-19, chickenpox, whooping cough) **for the full exclusion period required by the doctor or MA Department of Public Health.**

RETURNING TO CARE:

Your child may return **24 hours after symptoms are gone** (fever-free without medication, no vomiting/diarrhea) **OR** after the required exclusion period for diagnosed illnesses has passed. A doctor's note may be required.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITY:

- **Notify me immediately** of any contagious illness.
- **Pick up your sick child within 1 hour** if called.
- **Have a reliable backup care plan.**

This policy is in accordance with MA EEC Regulations 606 CMR 7.11(3).

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