

Too Sick for School?

Sometimes, children are too sick to attend school. Please follow these guidelines when considering sending your child to school –

- **Cold symptoms** can indicate a virus, infection, bronchitis, flu, or pneumonia. This is something that could be spread from child to child. If your child is not acting normally, i.e. heavy breathing, runny nose, elevated temperature, please do not send him to school.
- **COVID Symptoms** will have 100.4 temperature or higher, chills, consistent cough, difficulty breathing, muscle pain, sore throat or any other symptoms that has been outlined by the Center for Disease Control. Any child that displays these symptoms should not be brought to the Child Development Center.
- **Diarrhea and vomiting** can make children uncomfortable. If your child has repeated episodes of this, please keep your child at home until he/she is well again. **If your child has three episodes of diarrhea at school, our policy is to send the child home, and the child may not return until he/she has not had an episode of diarrhea for at least 24 hours. If your child begins vomiting while at school, we will call you immediately to come and pick up your child, and the child may not return to school until he/she has gone 24 hours without vomiting.**
- **Fever** is an elevated temperature in a child. Sometimes, it can be an indicator of a bigger problem. If the temperature is **100.4 degrees or higher, our policy states that the child may not attend daycare and must be kept home for 24 hours once the fever is gone.**
- **Conjunctivitis or pink eye** is highly contagious and uncomfortable. If your child wakes up with a pink or red eye, it is best to take him to the doctor. A note will be required for your child to return to the center.
- **Lice** is highly contagious and uncomfortable. If live bugs are found on a child, a parent will be notified, and the child will be sent home. Proof of treatment must be given according to Tennessee licensing rules.

If a child displays any of these symptoms or other abnormal symptoms, we will call you to come pick up your child. We understand that this is an inconvenience and may be difficult; however, there are many children who could get sick from the spread of germs. We must take action to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Thank you for your understanding.

Please be aware that now that this season is upon us, we are doing our part by cleaning as much as possible. Please help us keep everyone as healthy as possible!

Thanks!