



Paige's of Time Early Learning Center

Sick Policy

Your child's health and safety is important to us here at Paige's of Time ELC. Limiting the spread of disease is just as important. Children in a group setting are particularly vulnerable to being exposed to germs carrying disease and illness. The center cannot eliminate the spread of disease. We will however try to take appropriate steps to prevent it. Appropriate measures will be taken to reduce the spread such as sanitizing, hand washing, and requesting that children exhibiting signs or symptoms of illness remain at home to avoid jeopardizing the health of others. The staff is responsible for assessing each child at arrival time each day for signs and symptoms of illness. If a child appears ill, parent/guardian will be asked to take the child home.

Signs and symptoms of illness for which a child can be excluded from care include, but are not limited to.

- Diarrhea and or vomiting within the last 24 hours
- Fever of 100.5 degrees Fahrenheit or higher within the last 24 hours
- Contagious or unidentified rash
- Yellow or green discharge from the eyes or nose
- Severe cough
- Symptoms indicative of the contagious stage of illness (i.e., chicken pox, strep, conjunctivitis, infection, impetigo, hand and mouth infection, etc.)
- Head injury sustained within the previous 24 hours
- Severe cold or influenza
- Head lice
- Other unusual symptoms (extreme fatigue, lethargy, headache, etc.)

Parents/guardians of a child who develops any of these symptoms while in the center will be called immediately to pick up their child. Parents/guardians are responsible for making arrangements to pick up a sick child within an hour of notification. Children may be readmitted to the center following an illness with approval of the center director and/or the child's healthcare practitioner. A physician's note will always be required for children with a fever or unidentified rash.

A child may not be readmitted to the center until 24 hours after the last sign of fever (without the aid of medication), diarrhea, or vomiting. A written statement from a parent/guardian or physician that the child can return to the center must be presented for any child absent due to illness for 3 or more consecutive days.

Children with head lice may not return to the center without written documentation from the child's healthcare practitioner stating that their return is acceptable.

Medication

Parent/guardians may bring medication prescribed by a doctor for their child. This must be handed to the director or teacher in the child's room. Prescription medications must be in their original container. Please note that with the exception of topical sunscreen and diaper ointments, "over the counter" medications cannot be administered by the center staff and should not be sent in. A medication order form must be completed and signed by the parent/guardian before any medication, including topical products can be administered.