

# Illness Policy Update

Thank you for choosing Blossom Center for Childhood Excellence for your child care needs.

Here at Blossom Health and Safety is our number one priority. The center has the right to refuse a child who appears ill. In the event that a child is ill, the parent/guardian will be called and asked to retrieve their child if your child exhibits any of the following symptoms.

- Illness that prevents your child from participating in activities.
- Illness that results in greater need for care than we can provide.
- Illness that poses a risk of spreading harmful diseases to others.
- Fever (100°F or higher under the arm, 101°F or higher in the mouth, 102°F or higher in the ear)
- Diarrhea – unformed stools that cannot be contained in a diaper/underwear or toilet.  
As well as; stools with blood or mucus, and/or uncontrolled,
- Vomiting
- Mouth sores caused by drooling.
- Rash- with or without fever, unless a physician has determined it is not a communicable disease.
- Pink or red conjunctiva with white or yellow eye discharge; Must be treated with antibiotics for 24 hours before returning
- Impetigo, until 24 hours after treatment.
- Strep throat, until 24 hours after treatment.
- Head lice, until treatment and all nits are removed
- Scabies, until 24 hours after treatment.
- Pertussis (Whooping Cough), until 5 days of antibiotics.

**This is not an all-inclusive list. We will try to keep your child comfortable but he/she will be excluded from all activities until you arrive.**

Children who have been ill may return when:

- They are free of fever, vomiting and diarrhea for 24 hours.
- They have been treated with an antibiotic for 24 hours.
- They are able to participate comfortably in all usual activities.
- They are free of open, oozing skin conditions and drooling (not related to teething) unless: The child's physician signs a note stating that the child's condition is not contagious.

**Please note that children who are sent home for illness may not return until they meet the above requirements. For example, a child who goes home with a fever on Tuesday after 9:30am, may not return to Blossom Center until Thursday.**

Please review and sign our updated illness policy.

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Childs Name

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Parent/Guardian Printed

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date