



Illness Policy

Creative Care Childcare

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please be assured that every effort will be made to inconvenience you as little as possible when your child is ill. We do, however, have a very real commitment to the other children and the staff of Creative Care to keep them safe and protected from contagious diseases. If we ask you to keep them home or to see a doctor it is for your child's protection as much as for others.

When your child is ill please use the following information as a guide for attendance at Creative Care Childcare. If you are uncertain as to the course to follow in other circumstances, contact the Director and a plan of action will be developed for your specific needs. It is unwise to drop off an ill child without just checking with the Director about whether or not to bring them in. Please contact the Director whenever your child is ill even when they fit into one of the categories below as there may be special instructions for us to follow

Thank you for your cooperation!

<i>Illness</i>	<i>Symptoms</i>	<i>Action</i>
<i>Chicken Pox</i>	<i>-Rash with red spots which contain clear blisters in center, fever, mild cold symptoms</i>	<i>-exclude from care until all lesions are scabbed over or five days after eruption of last lesion</i>
<i>Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)</i>	<i>-Redness of the white of the eye, yellow drainage, swollen & red eyelids, burning or itching sensation, crust buildup after sleep</i>	<i>-exclude from care until there is no drainage or after at least 24 hours of antibiotic treatment</i>
<i>Diarrhea</i>	<i>-frequent loose stools, mucous in stools, cramps, weight loss, fever, loss of appetite</i>	<i>-exclude from care if diarrhea is accompanied by fever or vomiting, or if diarrhea exits the diaper three times</i>
<i>Earache</i>	<i>-pain in the ear, fever, nasal congestion</i>	<i>-exclude from care depending on severity of symptoms, high fever, unable to participate in activities Should be seen by physician</i>
<i>Encephalitis</i>	<i>-stiff neck and inability to sit up unassisted usually in the presence of other viral or infectious illnesses</i>	<i>-exclude from care, THIS IS LIFE THREATENING and child should be hospitalized</i>
<i>Fever (unknown etiology)</i>	<i>-axillary or oral(ear) reading of over 101 degrees Fahrenheit</i>	<i>-exclude from care for 24 hrs from time the fever breaks</i>
<i>Gastroenteritis</i>	<i>-sudden vomiting and/or diarrhea, abdominal cramps, may have fever</i>	<i>-exclude depending on severity of symptoms</i>
<i>Hand, Foot & Mouth Disease (Coxsackie)</i>	<i>-blisters and sores inside mouth, blister like rash on hands, toes and feet, fever</i>	<i>-exclude from care until ulcers in mouth have healed</i>

<i>Head Lice</i>	<i>-Constant itching of scalp, red scaly rash at nape of neck, enlarged lymph nodes at base of neck, dandruff-like eggs attached to hair shaft</i>	<i>-exclude from care until cleared by physician and director</i>
<i>Hepatitis</i>	<i>-pain, nausea, vomiting, jaundice(yellow skin, eyes, dark urine), fever, headache, flu-like symptoms</i>	<i>-exclude from care until cleared by physician and cause is known</i>
<i>Herpes Simplex</i>	<i>-painful ulcers in mouth or on eyeballs, fever sores near lips, swollen lymph nodes in neck, fever, possible ulcers on genitalia</i>	<i>-exclusion from care depends on severity and location of sores and will be decided on a case by case basis</i>
<i>Impetigo</i>	<i>-blisters containing thin yellow pus which develop into open weeping sores – pus dries to the consistency of hardened honey</i>	<i>-exclude from care if open and draining – small lesions may be covered and should be inaccessible to other children</i>
<i>Influenza</i>	<i>-chills, sudden high fever, flushing, headache, sore throat, cough, pain in joints</i>	<i>- exclude from care with fever, cough, listlessness or pain does not respond to treatment</i>
<i>Measles</i>	<i>-runny nose, reddened eyes, cough, fever, rash, sensitivity to bright light</i>	<i>-exclude from care – ILLNESS IS LIFE THREATENING and must be treated by a physician</i>
<i>Mumps</i>	<i>-Fever, loss of appetite, headache, swelling of salivary glands</i>	<i>-exclude from care until symptoms are gone</i>
<i>Pinworms</i>	<i>-itching or burning in the anal area, bed-wetting, abdominal cramps</i>	<i>-isolate child's belongings</i>
<i>Pityiasis Rosea</i>	<i>-round or oval scaly patch followed by rash, itching ,headache ,lethargy, joint pain, sore throat</i>	<i>-may continue care if feeling up to it</i>
<i>Pneumonia</i>	<i>-upper respiratory infection, high fever, chills, cough, rapid breathing, chest pain</i>	<i>-exclude from care during acute phase</i>
<i>Ringworm</i>	<i>-scaly red rash appearing as round or oval which is caused by a fungus</i>	<i>-treatment with anti-fungal ointment and keep covered at all times</i>
<i>Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever</i>	<i>-Headache, fever, loss of appetite, rash, usually follows a tick bite</i>	<i>-non-contagious but must be treated immediately</i>
<i>Roseola</i>	<i>-high fever, runny nose, slight redness in throat, rash</i>	<i>--exclude from care during acute phase and high fever</i>
<i>Rubella</i>	<i>-Swollen lymph nodes, rash on face which spreads to body, low-grade fever, loss of appetite, slight redness of throat and whites of eyes</i>	<i>-exclude from care until treatment abates from symptoms</i>
<i>Scabies</i>	<i>-severe itching, small red dots of black/gray lines on skin, particularly around web of hands and feet or pubic area</i>	<i>-exclude from care until treatment abates symptoms</i>
<i>Shingles</i>	<i>-Listlessness, fever, pain and tenderness along a nerve, blistering rash, enlarged lymph nodes-unusual in children</i>	<i>--exclude from care until rash is cleared up and fever is down</i>
<i>Strep Infection</i>	<i>-Headache, fever, sore, red throat, swollen lymph nodes in neck, possible vomiting, abdominal pain, sometimes rash</i>	<i>-exclude from care until treated for at least 24 hours with antibiotic or if symptoms are severe</i>
<i>Thrush</i>	<i>-White, flaky patches on tongue and inside of mouth</i>	<i>-may remain in care as long as it is treated</i>

