

### **Illness Policy**

It is the intent of this child care facility to provide a healthy and safe environment for children. The following illness policy is designed to protect the health of your child, the other children in care and both of us. Your cooperation is appreciated.

1. If a child should become ill while in care, you will be notified. We will decide ahead of time if the child needs to be picked up. If you are asked to pick up your child, please make every effort to arrive within 30 minutes to deter the illness from spreading. The child will be separated from the other children and be made as comfortable as possible until they go home. It is important to have an alternate child care facility or family member available to care for your child, if you are unable.
  
2. **Please do not bring your child for care if they have had diarrhea, have been vomiting or have had a fever of 100 degrees or more** (Teething is an exception when agreed upon between parent and Rhonda.) Only when a professional has made a diagnosis, and after the child has been on an antibiotic for 24 hours, and is not running a fever and not on medication to lower the fever, may the child return. Of course, certain viruses are also an exception, as long as there is no sign of a fever and you have been given approval by Rhonda.  
**Please, keep in mind this is a 24 hour policy.**

**Example:** If your child has vomited at 10 am Sunday, your child will not be allowed to attend until they been vomit free for 24 hours! If your child has diarrhea, they may return when they have a solid b.m.

Please Note: If your child is taking medication to relieve their fever, they may only return after 24 hours of no fever without medication!

Please remember that the height of contagiousness is when a child has a fever and we are taking these steps to insure a healthy environment for everyone.

3. Please notify me if you or a family member is diagnosed with or exposed to an infectious disease. You will also be paid the same courtesy.
  
4. We require you to fill out a medication form prior to the administration of any prescribed medicine. If your child needs to take Tylenol, Motrin, teething tablets, etc., we ask that you fill out the above form also. If in the absence of a signed waiver, a verbal authorization is permitted for only over the counter pain relievers, but signature is required at pick up. At this time we are not administering ANY cold medicines.

You have been given a copy of our Illness Policy to remind you of our requirements. If your child has been put in the "Red Zone" due to an illness your child may return when the above requirements have been met or you have received authorization from Rhonda directly.

Thank you, Steve & Rhonda