

NOAH'S ARK CHILD CARE CENTER

HEALTH AND ILLNESS POLICIES

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A variety of communicable diseases occur among young children, especially when they first begin attending a child care center. Because of the possibility of a disease spreading to other children and staff, we require that the children with the following contagious conditions be kept home for the times recommended by the **NH Department of Health and Human Services; NH Child Care Program Licensing Rules:**

(f) Child care personnel shall observe each child each day upon arrival and throughout the day for injuries and symptoms of illness which:

- (1) Impair or prohibit the child's participation in the regular child care activities; or
- (2) Require more care than child care personnel are able to provide without the health and safety of the ill or injured child or the other children in their care.

(g) The symptoms of illness referenced in (f) above shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) More than one episode of vomiting in one day;
- (2) More than one episode of diarrhea in one day;
- (3) Uncontrolled coughing or wheezing;
- (4) Unusual or extreme fatigue or lethargy;
- (5) Skin lesions which have not been diagnosed or treated by a licensed health care practitioner; or
- (6) An oral temperature of 101 degrees Fahrenheit or higher or an under arm temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher combined with any of the following:
 - a. Diarrhea;
 - b. Rash;
 - c. Ear ache;
 - d. Sore throat; or
 - e. Vomiting.

(h) When a child exhibits symptoms of illness as specified in (f) or (g) above, child care personnel shall contact the child's parents and inform them of the need to remove their child from the program.

When returning to the Center, a note may be required from your child's doctor specifying the nature of your child's illness and his permission for the child to return to group care.

If your child shows any signs of illness (vomiting, diarrhea, elevated temperatures, earache, sore throat, etc.) please keep him home. When ill, children are much more comfortable in their home environment. If you question whether your child should be with other children, please call and speak with us.

On a lighter note, please be assured that we will do our utmost to maintain a healthy, sanitary environment for your child. As time goes by, your child will build up his immune system, thus lessening the chances of 'picking up everything'.

Medication Policy:

Our medication policy is that we shall NOT administer prescription or non-prescription medication unless it is accompanied by a written authorization from the parent and a licensed health practitioner. Prescription medication in its original container labeled with specific instructions, date, and physician's name will be given, with the label sufficing for the physician's note. Medication administration authorization forms are available in every classroom as well as the office. Medication will be dispensed only by staff that has completed Medication Administration Training.