



## Sick Child Policy

Small Steps Institute, LLC is a “well-child care facility” At no time so we provide sick childcare. The following illness policies will be strictly enforced, for the health, well being and safety of all concerned.

**Sick Child Policy:** Under no circumstances may a parent bring a sick child to daycare, if the child shows any signs of illness(see symptoms requiring removal of child from care), or is unable to Participate in the normal routine and regular daycare program. Sick children will expose all children and staff members who they come in contact with. These people can in turn expose other children. Sick children want care from their parents in the comfort of their own homes. If other children become I die to exposed loot your sick child, either because he/she was returned to daycare before full recovery or because he/she was not picked up promptly upon notice of becoming ill, other parents will be unnecessarily inconvenienced. Because this is disruptive to other children and their families, your cooperation on this issue is extremely important.

Every effort is taken to reduce the spread of illness by encouraging hand washing and other sanitary practices (see Cleanliness and Hygiene).

If your child is unable to participate in the normal activities of the Center, (including being able to play outside), then our child must stay home.

Children will be visually screened when they arrive in the morning. In the event a child becomes ill and needs to be picked up, the parent(s) will be called and are expected to come pick the child up within one hour (60 minutes). If the parent(s) cannot Be reached, or have not arrived within an hour, the emergency contact person will be called and asked to come pick the child up.

For the benefit of our staff and other children in our care, a sick child will not be permitted to return to care for 24 hours after condition has returned to normal. The child may return 24-48 hours (depending on the illness) after they have received the first dose of an antibiotic. If a child receives an antibiotic for an ear infection, he/she may return to daycare immediately if he/she has been free of other symptoms mentioned for at least 24hours. If you aren't sure about where there or not to bring your child to care, please call your onsite director to discuss it. Allergy related symptoms, and non-communicable illnesses do not require exclusion, if you have a note from your doctor.

Symptoms requiring removal of child from Center are but not limited to:

- Fever:** Fever is defined as having a temperature of 100 F or higher taken under the arm, 101 F orally, or 102 F taken rectally. For children 4 months or younger, the lower rectal temperature of 101 F is considered a fever threshold; (a child needs to be fever free for a minimum of 24hours before returning to daycare, that means the child is fever free without the aid of Tylenol, or any other fever reducing substance).
- Fever and sore throat, rash, vomiting, diarrhea, earache, irritability, or confusion.
- Diarrhea: runny, watery, bloody stools, or 3 or more loose stools within last 4 hours.



- Vomiting: 2 or more times in a 24hour period. Note. Please do not bring your child if they have vomited in the night.
- Breathing trouble, sore throat, swollen glands, loss of voice, hacking or continuous coughing.
- Runny nose(other than clear), draining eyes or ears.
- Frequent scratching of body or scalp, lice, rash, or other spots that resemble childhood diseases, including ringworm.
- Child is irritable, continuously crying, or requires more attention than we can provide without hurting the health, safety or well-being of the other children in our care.

Just a note:If you are not sure whether or not it is okay to bring your child, please call ahead to ask us. We may require a doctor's decision as to whether or not the child is contagious. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

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Parent/Guardian Signature Today's date