

**All employees and children will follow these Medical Guidelines:**

**Children can attend school with mild illnesses that include:**

1. **Mild cold**, meaning no fever or any other symptoms.
2. **Minor coughing** that does not interfere with participation in regular activities.
3. **Rash**: a note must be provided before child is admitted to the Center by the health care provider stating the rash is not contagious.
4. **Mild stomachache**: with no vomiting, diarrhea, or fever.
5. **Ear infection**: child needs to be on medication, fever free for 24 hours, and have no pain, (or return with approval from your health care provider).
6. **Allergies**: runny nose and slight congestion.
7. **Minor Wounds**: only when covered. A note must be provided before a child is admitted to the Center by a health care provider in the event that wounds show signs of infection.
  - You must advise the health office or program administrator director immediately of any serious changes in health or of any hospitalizations and provide a statement signed by your health care provider.
  - Your child's illness will be documented and monitored throughout the day. In the event your child's symptoms worsen and he/she must be excluded, (see below), you will be contacted and must pick your child up. If you cannot be reached, the emergency contact will be called.

**Children cannot attend school if any of the following apply:**

1. Failure to comply with New York State Immunization laws and/or no physical, within the year, on file.
2. **The illness, or child's reaction to it, requires more care than staff can provide or compromises the health and safety of others.**
3. Until a medical evaluation allows inclusion, signs and symptoms of possible illness, such as unusual tiredness, uncontrolled coughing, excessive nasal discharge, persistent abdominal pain, discolored urine, difficulty breathing, uncontrolled wheezing, or other unusual signs.
4. **Fever over 100.4 degrees**. Child must be fever free, without fever reducing medication, for 24 hours before returning to the Center.
5. **Diarrhea**:
  - Diapered children whose stool is not contained in the diaper or if the stool frequency exceeds two or more stools above normal for the child.
  - Toilet-trained children if the diarrhea is causing soiled pants or clothing
  - Blood or mucous in the stools not explained by dietary change, medication, or hard stools.
6. **Vomiting**: more than two times in previous 24 hour period, unless the vomiting is determined to be caused by a non-infectious condition and the child remains adequately hydrated.
7. **Undiagnosed rash**, except diaper rash. If child is sent home with rash, a note from the health care provider is required to return to the Center.
8. **Pink Eye (conjunctivitis)**: child must be treated for 24 hours, with no drainage from eye. **A note from the health care provider indicating the pink eye is under treatment, or is not the diagnosis**, is needed before returning to the Center.
9. **Strep Throat/Scarlet Fever**: until 24 hours after treatment has been initiated and a note from the health care provider.
10. **Chicken Pox**: until six days after the onset of the rash or all lesions have dried and crusted.
11. **Impetigo**: until 24 hours after treatment has been initiated.
12. **Scabies/head lice**: allowed to return after the first treatment. **For repeated occurrence, evaluation and a note from the health care provider is required to return to school.**
13. **Ringworm**: until treatment has been initiated. Area must be covered while in school. **A note from the health care provider stating it is under treatment or is not ringworm** is needed before returning to school.
14. **Mouth sores**: with drooling unless the child's health care provider states that the child is not infectious.