



Medication / Sick Policy

As per State Licensing Regulations, each child shall have an age-appropriate health report (completed and signed by a physician) on record beginning 60 days after the child's start date. Health assessments must be conducted according to the recommended schedule for routine health supervision as referenced in the current edition of the American Academy of Pediatrics Guides for Health Supervision. Failure to provide updated health assessment as per recommended schedule will result in termination of childcare services. (PA-3270.131).

To ensure that a child's health is at no time being jeopardized, the director will contact the family if a child is showing signs of illness. Children may not attend school if they show any signs of a communicable disease or infection. If the child meets the criteria listed below, the child will need to be picked up within 1 hour. Should the child not be picked up within the 1-hour period the child's emergency contact person will be notified. Families will be notified if there is an outbreak of a communicable disease at the center. (3270.136-137)

Families are to inform the center if their child has any food allergies/medical conditions that may require special attention and if the child is exposed to a communicable disease while away from the center.

Your child may not attend school with:	Your child may return to school when:
A consistent temperature of 100.4 or higher	Fever free for 24hrs (w/o the influence of medication)
Signs of Contagious Illness- A combination of symptoms requiring more care than teachers/caregivers can provide without compromising the needs of the other children in the group including unusual lethargy, irritability, persistent crying, difficulty breathing, etc.	Once symptoms have passed and the child is able to comfortably participate in the activities that the facility routinely offers.
Persistent Vomiting/Watery Diarrhea OR 3 loose BM within 24 hours accompanied by a fever	Symptom free for 12 hours
Rash, with fever or behavioral changes. Can include: <u>Hand, Foot, Mouth Disease</u> - Signs include fever; sore throat; blister-like lesions on tongue, gums and inside of cheeks; rash on palms, soles of feet. Rash may appear red, white, grey or show as tiny bumps. <u>Ringworm</u> - Presents as a scaly ring-shaped area, typically on the buttocks, trunk, arms and legs. Can be itchy and range in color from red, purple, brown or grey. <u>Impetigo</u> - Presents as reddish sores, often around the nose and mouth. Sores quickly rupture, ooze, and form a honey-colored crust.	A doctor's note or if rash has cleared (Ringworm body lesions treated/covered)
Symptoms of Pinkeye (conjunctivitis)- Presents as 'glued' shut eyes, 'bloodshot' red eyes, yellow/green discharge from eyes, etc.	A doctor's note or after 24hrs on an antibiotic and eyes are free from discharge
Head Lice Symptoms including bugs or eggs found in hair	A doctor's note or after hair has been treated and no eggs or bugs are visible in hair
Communicable Disease Symptoms, As listed in PA Chapter 28: 27.71	A doctor's note

** A child sent home due to illness 2 consecutive days or sent home for suspicions of COVID-19 will not be able to return to daycare without a doctor's note stating that the child is well enough to return to school.*

Staff will not administer any medication unless for a chronic condition/special needs/life preserving event. In such case, all medication must be logged on the medication log sheet. Medication must be in its original container with a prescription label containing the child's name, dosage, time of day medication to be administered, and expiration date. Medication should never be left in child's cubby or diaper bag. All medications must be handed directly to the director.