

Recommendations for Exclusion from the Child Care Setting

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Children should be excluded from the child care setting for the following illnesses:

- Illness that prevents the child from participating comfortably in program activities.
- Illness that results in a greater need for care than the staff can provide without compromising the health and safety of the other children.
- **Fever, lethargy, irritability, persistent crying, difficult breathing and/or other manifestations of possible severe illness.**
- **Influenza or RSV:** until fever is gone and the child is well enough to attend and participate in usual activities.
- **Diarrhea** or stools that contain blood or mucus.
- **E. coli 0157:H7** or **Shigella** infection: until diarrhea resolves and two stool cultures are negative.
- **Vomiting** two or more times in the previous 24 hours, unless the vomiting is determined to be caused by a noncommunicable condition and the child is not in danger of dehydration.
- **Mouth Sores** associated with drooling, unless a physician has determined it is not a communicable disease.
- **Rash** with fever or behavior change, until a physician has determined it is not a communicable disease.
- **Pinkeye** or purulent conjunctivitis (pink or red conjunctiva with white or yellow eye discharge, often with matted eyelids after sleep and eye pain or redness of the eyelids or skin surrounding the eyes): until examined by a physician and approved for re-admission, with treatment.
- **Tuberculosis:** until a physician states the child is not infectious.
- **Impetigo** (streptococcal infection of the skin): until 24 hours after treatment has been initiated.
- **Strep Throat** (streptococcal pharyngitis): until 24 hours after treatment has been initiated.
- **Headlice** (pediculosis): until after the first treatment.
- **Scabies:** until after treatment has been completed.
- **Chicken Pox** (varicella): until sixth day after onset of rash or sooner if all lesions have dried and crusted.
- **Whooping Cough** (pertussis): until five days of the appropriate antibiotic therapy (which is to be given for a total of 14 days) has been completed.
- **Mumps:** until nine days after onset of the parotid gland swelling.
- **Measles:** until four days after the onset of rash.
- **Hepatitis A** virus infection: until one week after onset of illness or jaundice (if symptoms are mild).

