

Illness Policy for Summit County Preschool

Welcome new parents to Summit County Preschool! The illness policy is a part of the Parent Handbook, but we are giving you this “cheat sheet” as an easy reference in case you have questions if your child becomes ill.

If your child becomes ill at SCP, you will be called and asked to retrieve your child. We will keep your child as comfortable as possible but he/she will be excluded from all activities until you arrive. General symptoms that require a child to be sent home include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Illness that prevents your child from participating in activities
- Illness that results in greater need for care than we can provide
- Fever accompanied by other symptoms. For an infant 4 months or younger a temperature of 100 degrees or above
- Diarrhea – stools with blood or mucus, and/or uncontrolled, unformed stools that cannot be contained in a diaper/underwear or toilet
- Vomiting – green or bloody, and/or 2 or more times during the previous 24 hours
- Mouth sores caused by drooling
- Rash with fever, unless a physician has determined it is not a communicable disease
- Pink or red conjunctiva with white or yellow eye discharge, until on antibiotics for 24 hours
- Impetigo, until 24 hours after treatment
- Strep throat, until 24 hours after treatment
- Scabies, until 24 hours after treatment
- Chickenpox, until all lesions have dried and crusted
- Pertussis (Whooping Cough), until 5 days of antibiotics
- Hepatitis A virus, until one week after immune globulin has been administered
- RSV, medical advice must be sought for exclusion

CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN ILL MAY RETURN WHEN:

- They are free of fever, vomiting and diarrhea for 24 hours
- They have been treated with an antibiotic for 24 hours
- They are able to participate comfortably in all usual activities
- They are free of open, oozing skin conditions and drooling (not related to teething) unless:
- The child’s physician signs a note stating that the child’s condition is not contagious, and;
- The involved areas can be covered by a bandage without seepage or drainage through the bandage

A physician’s note stating that the child is no longer contagious and may return to our care

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to ask your child’s teacher, Kim, Courtney, or Amy!