

We understand that it is difficult for a family member to leave or miss work, but to protect other children; you may not bring a sick child to the center. The center has the right to refuse a child who appears ill. You will be called and asked to retrieve your child if your child exhibits any of the following symptoms while in care, this is not an all-inclusive list:

- Fever of 100°F or higher (99°F or higher under the arm, 100°F or higher by touchless forehead thermometer)
- Vomiting
  - green or bloody
  - more than 2 times during the previous 24 hours.
- Diarrhea –
  - uncontrolled, unformed stools that cannot be contained in a diaper/underwear or toilet
  - stools with blood or mucus
  - more than 2 stools per day above normal for the child
- Any Unexplained Rash, unless a physician has determined it is not a communicable disease.
- Illness that prevents your child from participating in activities
- Illness that results in greater need for care than we can provide
- Acute change in behavior – this could include lethargy/lack of responsiveness, irritability, persistent crying, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing
- Mouth sores with drooling unless the child's health care provider states that the child is not infectious
- 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.
- Head lice, until treatment and all nits are removed.
- 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.
- Tuberculosis, until a health professional indicates the child is not infectious.
- Rubella, until 6 days after the rash appears.
- Mumps, until 5 days after onset of parotid gland swelling.
- Measles, until 4 days after onset of rash.
- Any child determined by local health department to be contributing to the transmission of an illness during an outbreak

## Children who have been ill may RETURN when:

- They have documentation from your child's medical provider saying they are free to return to group care

**OR**

- **They are free of fever, vomiting and diarrhea for 24 hours, without the use of fever reducing medication.**
- They are able to participate comfortably in all usual activities.
- If a child had a reportable communicable disease, a physician's note stating that the child is no longer contagious and may return to our care is required.
- If a child had COVID, RSV, FLU, Hand Foot Mouth disease, Conjunctivitis (pink eye) or Strep Throat, a physician's note stating that the child may return to care is required.
  - PLEASE NOTE: Many physicians will provide a note while the child is still experiencing the illness, allowing the return of a child to care contingent upon specific symptoms improving. i.e. "child may return once they are 24 hours fever free"
  - We recommend parents request a note at the time of the appointment, in the case that the physician is comfortable with providing it in advance.
- If applicable:
  - They have been treated with an antibiotic for 24 hours.
  - 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.

**Margaret's House families are required to follow all RIT policies and procedures**  
**Please refer to the following link for updated information regarding COVID-19**  
<https://www.rit.edu/ready/>

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