

GUIDELINES FOR EXCLUDING FROM DAYCARE

Certain symptoms in children may suggest the presence of a communicable disease. Children who have the following symptoms should be excluded from the childcare setting until **1)** a physician has certified the symptoms are not associated with an infectious agent or they are no longer a threat to the health of other children at the center or **2)** the symptoms have subsided.

For the mildly ill child, exclusion should be based on whether there are adequate facilities and staff available to meet the needs of both the ill child and other children in the group.

FEVER	Auxiliary or oral temperature: 100° F. or higher or Rectal temperature: 101° F. or higher; especially if accompanied by other symptoms such as vomiting, sore throat, diarrhea, headache and stiff neck or undiagnosed rash.
RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS	Difficult or rapid breathing or severe coughing: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child makes high-pitched croupy or whooping sound after he/she coughs.• Child is unable to lie comfortably due to continuous cough.
DIARRHEA	An increased number of abnormally loose stools in the previous 24 hours. Observe the child for other symptoms such as fever, abdominal pain, or vomiting.
VOMITING	Two or more episodes of vomiting within the previous 24 hours.
EYE/NOSE DRAINAGE	Thick mucus or pus draining from the eye or nose.
SORE THROAT	Sore throat, especially when fever or swollen glands in the neck are present.
SKIN PROBLEMS	Rash – Skin rashes, undiagnosed or contagious. Infected Sores – Sores with crusty, yellow or green drainage which cannot be covered by clothing or bandages.
ITCHING	Persistent itching (or scratching) of body or scalp.
APPEARANCE/ BEHAVIOR	Child looks or acts differently: unusually tired, pale, lacking appetite, confused, irritable, difficult to awaken.
UNUSUAL COLOR	Eyes or skin – yellow (jaundice) Stool – gray or white Urine – dark, tea colored These symptoms can be found in hepatitis and should be evaluated by a physician.