



GUIDELINES FOR EXCLUSION OF CHILDREN FROM CHILDCARE

- Significant fever, as defined below:
 - Infants six months and younger should be excluded for a minimum of 24 hours and referred to a health professional when temperature is above 101° F rectally or 100° F axillary (armpit).
 - Children over the age of six months should be excluded for a minimum of 24 hours and referred to a health professional whenever fever is accompanied by a behavior change, stiff neck, a rash, unusual irritability, poor feeding, vomiting or excessive crying. Fever means a temperature above 101° F orally, 102° F rectally, or 100° F axillary (armpit).
- Persistent diarrhea, defined as 3 or more stools in a 24-hour period, when that pattern represents:
 - An increased number of stools compared to the child's normal pattern
 - Increased stool water
 - Diarrhea accompanied with symptoms of dehydration, such as sunken eyes, dry skin, concentrated urine or small amounts of urine, fewer than 6 wet diapers in a 24-hour period, or no urine in four hours
 - Diarrhea accompanied with blood in the stool.
- Undiagnosed rash, except diaper rash.
- Vomiting two or more times in previous 24-hour period, or any vomiting accompanied by symptoms of dehydration or other signs of illness.
- Mouth sores associated with an inability of the child to control his/her saliva.
- Until a medical evaluation allows inclusion, signs and symptoms of possible illness such as lethargy, uncontrolled coughing, persistent abdominal pain, discolored urine, refusal to eat or drink, irritability, persistent crying, difficult breathing, wheezing, or other unusual signs.

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- *Chicken Pox* – children excluded until six days after onset of rash or until all lesions have dried and crusted. Children who receive the vaccine should not be excluded unless they develop a rash. Rashes can develop up to 6 weeks after a child receives the vaccine, and these rashes usually disappear sooner (1-2 days).
- *Strep Throat/Scarlet Fever* – children excluded until 24 hours after treatment has been initiated.
- *Impetigo* – children excluded until 24 hours after treatment has been initiated.
- *Scabies/Head Lice* – children excluded until the morning after the first treatment.
- *Purulent Conjunctivitis/Pink Eye* – defined as pink or red conjunctiva with white or yellow eye discharge often with matted eyelid after sleep. Also includes a child with eye pain or redness of the eyelid or skin surrounding the eye. Children excluded until 24 hours after the treatment has been initiated.
- *Influenza Virus* – Including H1N1 (Swine Flu)
 - Children and staff excluded for 7 days when flu symptoms are present.
 - Symptoms may be one or more of the following: fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headaches, chills, fatigue, and diarrhea.
 - Health care provider must be consulted to determine if influenza testing is needed.
- Illness that results in a greater need for care than the staff can provide without compromising the health and safety of other children.
- Failure to comply with New York State Immunization Laws.