

SDC SICKNESS POLICY

In the best interest of your child and the health and safety of others, children cannot be at the centre if there is any question of illness. If a child is too ill to participate in activities or to play outside, they are expected to stay at home.

If a child arrives at the centre with any of the following symptoms, or if these symptoms present throughout the day, they will be sent home:

- Temperature above 38.0°C**
- Vomiting**
- Two or more instances of diarrhea**
- Red, watery eyes with and/or thick, yellowish discharge**
- Inability to participate in daily activities**
- Persistent coughing or shortness of breath**
- Live lice on the scalp or nits attached to the hair shafts**

If your child becomes ill at the centre, you will be notified to arrange immediate pick up.

Children must be free from symptoms for at least 24 hours, without the aid of medication, before returning to the centre.

If they have a doctor's clearance, they may return even if symptoms persist and if the child is well enough to participate in all activities.

If your child contracts a communicable disease, please notify the centre immediately. Any child believed to be suffering from a communicable illness will require a parent or guardian to remove them from the premises immediately.

Should staff see any evidence of lice (e.g., child scratching head excessively), children may have their hair checked a staff member.

Should a child become seriously ill or injured, first aid will be administered and, if necessary, an ambulance will be called. If there is no parent available, a staff member will accompany the child in the ambulance during transportation to the closest Emergency Department and stay with them until a parent or other caregiver arrives