

BEACHWOOD NURSERY SCHOOL & EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Policy on Communicable Diseases / Symptoms of illness

Our school serves well children and **cannot permit a child who has any type of illness** or symptoms of illness to attend or continue attending school. If symptoms occur after the daily health check, the child will be isolated from others, and a parent will be called and informed that the child must be picked-up within the hour. It is important for parents who work to make advance arrangements for back-up care for situations such as this. **If after one hour**, the child has not been picked up, licensing requires our school to call all the emergency contacts listed until someone is able to come for the child. Please keep your child home if he or she has been ill during the night or early morning and has had any of the symptoms listed:

Fever (temperature of 100.4 degrees)
Fever of 99.0 w/symptoms of illness*
Diarrhea at school-defined by watery stools
Vomiting at school or 2 times within 24 hours
Lethargy that is more than tiredness
Difficulty breathing, wheezing, uncontrolled coughing
Abdominal pain and/or headache
Mouth sores with drooling
Head Lice (until after the 1st treatment & must be louse & Nit free to be re-admitted to child care)

Weeping blisters or skin patches*
Undiagnosed skin rash*(w/fever*)
Impetigo*
Coughing w/yellow-green discharge*
Strep throat/streptococcal infection*
Pink Eye*
Influenza Symptoms*
COVID-19 Symptoms*

***Within 48 hours, the parent must provide a signed, dated physician's release note expressly stating that the child was examined by a physician, and is well enough to attend licensed child care and poses no risk of contagion to other children and adults at school.**

The child may return to school once he/she is symptom-free, or has a **physician's release note** for the symptoms* indicated above. Our school must be **notified** of any **communicable disease** so we may alert parents to possible exposures. Excludable communicable illnesses such as measles must be reported to the **Ocean County Health Department**. **(Illnesses that have blisters containing fluid must be dried and crusted before returning to school.)**

***ReferenceGuide:**http://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/reportable_disease_magnet.pdf

Policy on Medication Administration: 3A:52-7.5

Parents need to administer all medication to their children at home to see if the child has any type of reaction. Many medications can be administered in 12 hour intervals thus relieving us of this responsibility. Medication poses an **extra burden** on staff & having medication in the facility is a safety concern, although we do have lock boxes for medication. Medication will only be administered to a child in our care more than 4 hours and for whom a CARE PLAN or other written consent with **specific** instruction for the administration of prescription medication has been provided to the Lead Teacher or an Administrator. **Non-Prescription medication must be authorized in writing by a Health Care Provider.** No nebulizer use at school at this time.

Prescription medications must be in an **original container** that is labeled by a pharmacist with the child's first & last name, the name & strength of the medication, the date the prescription was filled, the name of the health care provider, the medication's expiration date & instructions for the **dose, time, method & duration** of administration. **Parents must provide the appropriate measuring spoon.** A more in depth policy is available upon request.