

# Policy on the Management of Communicable Disease

If a child exhibits any of the following symptoms, the child should not attend the center. If such symptoms occur at the center, the child will be removed from the group and parents will be called to take the child home.

- Sever pain or discomfort
- Acute diarrhea
- Episode of acute vomiting
- Elevated oral temp. of 101.5 degrees Fahrenheit
- Lethargy
- Severe coughing
- Yellow eyes or jaundice skin
- Red eyes with discharge
- Infected, untreated skin patches
- Difficult or rapid breathing
- Skin rashes in conjunction with fever or behavior changes
- Skin lesions that are weeping or bleeding
- Mouth sores with drooling
- Stiff neck

Once the child is symptom free, or has a Drs. note stating that the child no longer poses a serious health risk to him/herself or others, the child may return to the center unless contraindicated by local health department or Department of Health.

## EXCLUDABLE COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

A child or staff member who contracts an excludable communicable disease may not return to the center without a health care providers note stating that he/she presents no risk to him/herself or others.

Note: If a child has chicken pox, a note from a parent stating that all sores have dried and crusted is required.

If a child is exposed to any excludable disease at the center, parents will be notified in writing.

## COMMUNICABLE DISEASES REPORTED GUIDELINES

Some excludable communicable diseases must be reported to the Health Department by the center. The Department of Health's Reporting Requirements for Communicable Diseases and Work-Related Conditions Quick Reference Guide, a complete list of reportable communicable diseases can be found at: [http://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/reportable\\_disease\\_magnet.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/reportable_disease_magnet.pdf)

In the event your child has contracted head lice, live bugs, nits and/or eggs, you will be contacted and the child must be removed from the center and immediately and treated before being allowed to return. A Drs. note stating that the child is nit and egg free must be submitted to Wee Care in order to return to school. We can provide helpful hints for your family to aid in preventing and treating lice.

Please note we ask you to inform us when a sibling has lice so that we can be proactive.

August, September and October are considered the crisis months.