



## Dealing with Illness

*If a child becomes ill during the day, and is unable to fully participate in the program, their parents will be contacted immediately to arrange to take the child home. Parents are asked to exercise good judgment and keep children at home while ill, seeking medical attention as needed. Public Health requires that children be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school and daycare. Therefore, if your child is sick at night, you must keep them home the next day. If an outbreak is declared by Public Health, you will be required to keep your child away for 48 hours. We will continue to follow the TPH COVID-19 prescreening for all staff, children and visitors in the building. Please see our COVID-19 screening tool page on our website for more information and direct links to the most updated TPH screening tool.*

Symptoms, which are signs of possible pending infection or disease and for which a child should be kept home or may be sent home, include but are not limited to:

- Fever over 37.8C/100.04F
- Signs of a cold: cough, sore throat, watery eyes, green or yellow mucus discharge from the nose or eyes
- Unusual behaviour related to a cold or fever, or fever-like symptoms such as lack of energy or appetite.
- Vomiting, diarrhea
- Headache or earache
- Discharge and/or inflammation of the eye (conjunctivitis/pink eye)
- Rash, unless the cause is determined to be non-contagious

Our policies and procedures for dealing with sick children are as follows:

- If your child is not feeling well enough to FULLY participate in the program, please keep them home until they are well enough to return.
- Sick children must be excluded from the daycare until they are no longer contagious, so as not to expose other children and Educators.
- If your child has a fever of 37.8C/100.04F (auxiliary) or above, do not bring them to Daycare until they have been **fever-free & medication free for 24 hours**
- If your child has vomited or has diarrhea, do not bring them to Daycare until at least 24 hours after their last bout of diarrhea and/or vomiting.
- If your child arrives at the Daycare with symptoms or possible illness or disease, you will be requested to take your child home.
- If above symptoms manifest while your child is at the Daycare, or if he/she has a significant accident, we will contact you immediately. As much as possible, ill children will be isolated and parents will be requested to pick them up immediately.
- If your child goes home mid-day, sick with vomiting or diarrhea, they may not return until at least 24 hours from the time they went home or 24 hours after their last symptom, whichever comes later.

- In the event that a situation arises with a child that is beyond the capacity of the Educators to properly care for and at the same time ensure the smooth functioning of the program, parents will be asked to pick up the child as soon as possible.
- **If Toronto Public Health declares an Outbreak in the Daycare or School, you will be required to keep your child home for 48 hours after the last bout of diarrhea or vomiting.**
- In a genuine emergency, we will call 911 for assistance and then immediately call emergency contacts.