

CHILDREN'S ILLNESS POLICY

- Parent must submit a doctor's note if their child is away for more than 10 days. Parent must submit a doctor's note if the child is away the day before or after a vacation.
- If a child has a legislated reportable-communicable disease, this child will be excluded from the program based on public health requirements. Please refer to the Toronto Public Health Guidelines for reportable-communicable diseases.
- If the child has diarrhea more than once at Courtleigh Place, the child must stay at home until the symptoms of diarrhea have subsided for 48 hours without the use of anti-diarrhea medications.
- If the child has more than one episode of vomiting during the day at Courtleigh Place, the child must stay home until vomiting has subsided for 48 hours or more without the use of medications such as Gravol.
- If the child has a fever of 38 degrees Celsius or 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, the child must stay home until the fever has stopped for 24 hours or more without the use of antipyretics such as: Tylenol or Aspirin.
- If the child has pink-eye or ringworm, the child must stay home until the prescribed medication has been used for 24 hours.
- If the child has an unexplainable rash, the child must stay home until the rash has disappeared, or until written approval to return to the Centre has been given by a physician.
- If the child experiences respiratory symptoms such as shortness of breath or wheezing, with other respiratory symptoms, the child must stay home until the symptoms have ceased.

The Director or Designated Person reserves the right to send a child home if he/she feels the child is too ill to stay in the Centre's care. If you are unable to pick-up your child then alternate arrangements need to be made.

Reporting of Designated Diseases

- Staff to consult Toronto Public Health Guidelines for Common Communicable Diseases posted in each room
- Staff will immediately isolate child/children and inform Director or designate
- Notify parents and/or emergency contact to pick up the child/children as soon as possible
- Exclude ill children and staff
- Record names, symptoms and the date, time, children/staff became ill
- Contact Toronto Public Health Regional Office to report the illness or contact Communicable Disease Surveillance Unit at (416)392-7411

Outbreak Plan

Outbreak action will be considered if there are more than 2 or 3 cases of similar symptoms occurring within a period of 24 hours.

Actions include:

1. Isolate all ill children.
2. Notify parents or emergency contact to pick up ill children as soon as possible.
3. Exclude ill children/ staff
4. Record all names, symptoms, the date, time, children, and staff that became ill.
5. Contact Toronto Public Health Dept. to report an outbreak or contact the Communicable Diseases Surveillance Unit (416) 392-7411.
6. Step up sanitizing procedures. Increase frequency of cleaning and disinfecting.
7. Stop water play activities.
8. Reinforce the importance of proper hand washing with staff and children.