

ILLNESS POLICY AND PROCEDURES

TUMPS will provide children with a clean and healthy environment, however, we realize that children become ill from time to time. If this is your child's first group care experience, it is possible that they may experience more frequent illnesses at the beginning before their immune system becomes more active. We observe all children as they enter the program to quickly assess their general health. **We ask that you not bring a sick child to the center. Sick children may be sent home!** Please also plan ahead and have a back up care plan in place if you are not able to take time off from work/school.

A letter or email sent home will notify parent if children have been exposed to a communicable illness. Children will be readmitted to the center after at least 24 hours of being free of fever and other symptoms. If they are not symptom free a doctor's note will be required stating that the child is not contagious.

In order to abide by the rule 5101: 2-12-16 OAC, a child with any of the following symptoms will be immediately isolated and discharged to the parent or emergency contact:

- Temperature of 100 degrees F or higher – in combination with any other signs of illness
- Diarrhea (more than three abnormally loose stools within a 24-hour period)
- Severe coughing (causing red or blue face or makes a whooping sound)
- Difficult or rapid breathing
- Yellowish skin or eyes
- Redness of the eye, obvious discharge, matted eyelashes, burning, itching
- Untreated skin patches, unusual spots or rashes
- Unusually dark urine or grey or white stools
- Stiff neck with an elevated temperature
- Evidence of untreated lice, scabies or other parasitic infestation
- Vomiting more than once or when accompanied by any other sign of illness
- Sore throat or difficulty swallowing

Any child demonstrating signs of illness not listed above will be isolated in the Director's Office and carefully observed for symptoms. If a thermometer is used, it will be sanitized after each use. There is a cot located in the office should a child need to lie down. The parent will be notified. If a child does not feel well enough to participate in center activities the parent will be called to pickup the child. Anytime a child is isolate they will be kept within sight and hearing of a staff member.

Immunizations

Students must be immunized with the vaccines recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Family Physicians.