

Illness and Communicable Diseases Policy

(a) A center that seeks to serve any children who have any of the illnesses, symptoms of illness or diseases specified in (c) and (d) below shall meet all the applicable provisions of this subchapter and all provisions of N.J.A.C 10:122-8.

(b) Under no circumstances shall any center serve or admit any child who has any illness, symptom of illness or disease that a healthcare provider has determined requires the child to be:

1. Confined to to home under a healthcare providers immediate care; or
2. Admitted to a hospital for medical care and treatment.

(c) The following provisions relate to illness and/or symptoms of illness:

1. A center serving well children shall not permit a child who has any of the illnesses or symptoms of illness specified in (c) I through XIII below to be admitted to a center on a given day unless medical diagnosis from a health care provider, which has been communicated to the center in writing, or verbally with a written follow-up, indicates that the child poses no serious health risk to him/herself or to other children. Such illnesses or symptoms of illness shall include, but not be limited to, any of the following:

- I. Severe pain or discomfort;
- II. Acute diarrhea, characterized as twice the child's usual frequency of bowel movement with a change to a looser consistency within a period of 24 hours, or bloody diarrhea;
- III. Two or more episodes of acute vomiting within a period of 24 hours;
- IV. Elevated oral temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or over or axillary temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or over in conjunction with behavior changes;
- V. Lethargy that is more than expected tiredness;
- VI. Yellow eyes or jaundiced skin;
- VII. Red eyes with discharge;
- VIII. Infected untreated skin patches;
- IX. Difficult rapid breathing or severe coughing;
- X. Skin rashes in conjunction with fever or behavior changes;
- XI. Weeping or bleeding skin lesions that have not been treated by a health care provider;
- XII. Mouth sores with drooling; or
- XIII. Stiff neck

2. Once the child is symptom-free, or a health care provider indicated that the child poses no serious health risk to him/herself or to other children, they child may return to the center.

3. If a child who has already been admitted to the center manifest any of the illnesses or symptoms specified in (c) above, the center shall remove the child from the

group of well children to a separate room or area, as specified in N.J.A.C. 10:122-5.2.(q)4, until:

- I. He or she can be taken from the center; or
 - II. The director of his or her designee has communicated verbally with a health care provider, who indicates that the child poses no serious health risk to him/herself or to the other children, at which time the child may return to the group.
4. The center may exclude a child whose illness prevents the child from participating comfortably in activities, or results in a greater need for care than the staff can provide without compromising the health and safety of other children at the center.

(d) The following provisions relate to excludable communicable diseases:

1. The center shall not permit a child or staff member with an excludable communicable disease, as specified in the table below, to be admitted to or remain at the center, until:
 - I. A note from the child's or staff member's health care provider states that the child or staff member, respectively, has been diagnosed and presents no risk to himself, herself, or to others;
 - II. The center has contacted the Communicable Disease Program in the State Department of Health and Senior Services, or the local health department pediatric health consultant, and is told the child or staff member poses no health risk to others; or
 - III. If the child or staff member has chicken pox, the center obtains a note from the parent or staff member stating that all sores have dried and crusted.

TABLE OF EXCLUDABLE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

<u>Respiratory Illnesses</u>	<u>Gastro-Intestinal Illnesses</u>	<u>Contact Illness</u>
Chicken Pox	Campylobacter*	Impetigo
German Measles*	Escherichia coli*	Lice
Hemophilus Influenzae*	Giardia Lamblia*	Scabies
Measles*	Hepatitis A*	Shingles
Mumps*	Salmonella*	
Strep Throat	Shigella*	
Tuberculosis		
Whooping Cough		

* Reportable diseases, as required by N.J.A.C. 10:12-7.10(a).