

**GUIDELINES FOR KEEPING A CHILD HOME**

We understand that often times it is difficult to accommodate a changed schedule when a child is sick; however, we must follow our guidelines to ensure that we maintain a healthy playschool environment. Please understand that we send a child home if we feel that they are uncomfortable or have symptoms that could be passed on to the other children. A child will not have a “good day” if they are sent to school feeling poorly, and often times the illness lasts longer than necessary if the child does not have a day(s) off to rest.

Certain symptoms in children may suggest that presence of a communicable illness.

Children who have the following symptoms should not attend school until:

**1. A physician has certified that the symptoms are not associated with**

**anything contagious or they are no longer contagious.**

**OR**

**2. The symptoms have subsided.**

**FEVER**

* Axillary or oral temperature: 100 degrees or higher
* Rectal temperature: 101 degrees or higher
* Especially if accompanied by other symptoms such as vomiting, sore throat, diarrhea, headache and stiff neck or undiagnosed rash.

**RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS**

* Difficult or rapid breathing or severe coughing
* Children makes a high pitched croupy or whooping sounds after he coughs
* Child is unable to lie comfortably due to a continuous cough

**DIARRHEA**

* An increased number of abnormally loose stools in the previous 24 hours (the health department says that after two a child should be sent home) or ONE that leaks for diaper.

**VOMITING**

* Any vomiting within the last 24 hours

**EYE/NOSE DRAINAGE**

* Any discharge from the eyes, nose or ears with any color to it

**SORE THROAT**

* Sore throat, especially with a fever and swollen glands