

## **EXCLUSION OF ILL CHILD**



A child with any of the following conditions or behaviors that the Commissioner of Health determines to be contagious and a physician determines has not had sufficient treatment to reduce the health risk to other, **must be excluded** from our program according to MN Department of Human Services licensing requirements.

We will follow the exclusion guidelines listed below which are taken from “**Infectious Diseases in Child Care Settings: Information for Directors, Caregivers, and Parents or Guardians**” prepared by Hennepin County Community Health Department, Epidemiology Program.

We *must exclude a child* with any of the following conditions:

1. **Chicken Pox** – Until all the blisters have dried into scabs; usually 6 days after rash onset.
2. **Conjunctivitis** (Pinkeye) – Bacterial (with pus) until 36 hours after treatment begins. Pink or red conjunctiva with white or yellow discharge that causes matting of the eyelids; pain or redness of the eyelids.
3. **Fever** – Axillary temperature: 100 Degrees Fahrenheit or higher of undiagnosed origin and before fever medication is given; especially if accompanied by other symptoms such as vomiting, sore throat, diarrhea, headache, stiff neck, or undiagnosed rash. *Children may return when symptoms are gone for 24 hours and no fever reducing medication has been given.*
4. **Impetigo** – Until child has been treated with antibiotics for a full 24 hours.
5. **Lice** (head) – Until after the first treatment and no live lice are seen.
6. **Rash With or Without Fever or Behavior Change** – Until a medical exam indicates these symptoms are not that of a communicable disease (i.e. chicken pox, fifth disease, measles, roseola, rubella, shingles, strep throat).
7. **Respiratory Infections** (viral) – Until child is without fever for 24 hours and is well enough to participate in normal activities. No exclusion for other mild respiratory infections without fever as long as the child can participate comfortably.

8. **Ringworm** – Until 24 hours after treatment has been started.
9. **Scabies** – Until 24 hours after treatment has been started.
10. **Signs/Symptoms of Possible Severe Illness** – Until medical exam indicates the child may not return to child care when the symptoms include: unusual tiredness, uncontrollable coughing, irritability, persistent crying, difficulty breathing, wheezing or three (3) unexplained diarrheas.
11. **Streptococcal Sore Throat** – Until at least a full 24 hours after treatment begins and the child is without fever for 24 hours.
12. **Vomiting** – Until vomiting stops (vomiting is defined as two or more episodes in the previous 24 hours.)

❖ **When children have been excluded from care for an illness and the treatment for the illness included an antibiotic, children may not return to Playschool Child Care, Inc. until 24 hours have passed since the first dose of antibiotic was administered.**

