



**Early Childhood Services
Program Operations
Area: Health**

Policy Name: H - Child Illness and Exclusion	Revised: August 1, 2019
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OCFS Regulation, CEO Policy:

1. If a child is too ill to remain in school, the Center Manager, Program Nurse, or the person designated to be in charge in the Center Manager's absence will contact the parent/ guardian to pick up the ill child.
2. Emergency contact information will be updated regularly.
3. A child will be excluded from CEO Early Childhood Services Programs with the following illnesses or symptoms:
4. **FEVERS**
 - A. Children over 6 months of age: oral, tympanic (ear) temperature of 101 degrees or greater; or axillary (armpit) 100 degrees or greater **AND** accompanied by a behavior change or other signs and symptoms (e.g., sore throat, rash, vomiting, diarrhea, breathing difficulty or persistent cough). If a child is excluded because of an elevation in body temperature, the child cannot return to the program until he/she has been fever free for 24 hours without a fever reducing medication.
 - B. Under 6 months of age: **Unexplained temperature** above 100 degrees axillary should be medically evaluated and may not return until they are fever free for 24 hours without a fever reducing medication. (DOCTORS NOTE REQUIRED).
 - C. Under 2 months of age: **Any fever** should get urgent medical attention. Child may not return until they have been fever free for 24 hours without a fever reducing medication. (DOCTORS NOTE REQUIRED)



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5. UNCONTROLLED DIARRHEA

- A. Diapered Children whose stool is not contained in the diaper **OR** if the stool frequency exceeds two or more stools above normal for the child.
- B. Toilet - trained children if the diarrhea is causing soiled pants or clothing.
- C. Blood or mucous in the stools not explained by dietary change, medication or hard stools.
- D. Confirmed medical diagnosis of salmonella, E. coli, or Shigella infection, until cleared by the child's health care provider to return to the program.

6. VOMITING

- A. More than 2 times in the previous 24 hours, unless the vomiting is determined to be caused by a non-infectious condition and the child remains adequately hydrated.

7. ABDOMINAL PAIN

- A. That continues for more than two hours or intermittent pain associated with fever or other signs and symptoms of illness.

8. MOUTH SORES

- A. With drooling, unless the child's health care provider or local health department states child is on appropriate treatment and can return.
(DOCTORS NOTE REQUIRED)

9. ACTIVE TUBERCULOSIS

- A. Until the child's primary care provider states that the child is not infectious.
(DOCTORS NOTE REQUIRED)



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10. STREPTOCOCCAL PHARYNGITIS (STREP THROAT)

- A. Until 24 hours after the treatment has started. (DOCTORS NOTE REQUIRED)

11. NITS AND LIVE HEAD LICE

- A. Child does not need to be excluded until the end of the program day (However, child should receive a treatment before returning to program). Every child who is excluded for nits or head lice at the end of the day should be given a Nit comb so the family can remove nits and/or lice before child's return to school. Rid, or other nit/lice treatments are also an acceptable form of treatment.
- B. Staff will communicate with family about what treatment occurred the following morning. It is not necessary for the child's head to be checked upon return to school. Additional plans and exclusions will be considered on an individual basis.

12. SCABIES

- A. Until 24 hours after treatment has been given. (DOCTORS NOTE REQUIRED)

13. VARICELLA (CHICKENPOX)

- A. Until all lesions have dried and crusted (usually 6 days after the onset of the rash).

14. COXSACKIE VIRUS

- A. Until fever is gone (skin lesions may still be present).

15. PERTUSSIS (WHOOPIING COUGH)

- A. Until five days after appropriate antibiotic treatment (DOCTORS NOTE REQUIRED).



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16. MUMPS

- A. Until five days after the onset of parotid gland swelling. (DOCTORS NOTE REQUIRED)

17. MEASLES

- A. Until four days after the onset of the rash. (DOCTORS NOTE REQUIRED)

18. RUBELLA

- A. Until six days after the rash appears. (DOCTORS NOTE REQUIRED)

19. HEPATITIS A VIRUS INFECTION

- A. Until the child is approved by the health care provider to return to the program. (DOCTORS NOTE REQUIRED)

20. IMPETIGO

- A. Until after treatment has been started. (DOCTORS NOTE REQUIRED)

21. PURULENT CONJUNCTIVITIS (PINK EYE)

- A. Pink or red conjunctivae with white or yellow discharge, eye pain, redness of the eyelids or skin surrounding the eye.
- B. Exclusion is in effect until the child is checked by their medical provider and until 24 hours after treatment begins. (DOCTORS NOTE REQUIRED)

22. RINGWORM

- A. Child will be excluded until 24 hours after the treatment begins. However, Exclusion is not necessary before the end of the program day. (Area should be covered if possible with a bandage).



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- B. If the ringworm spreads to other areas of the body or is persistently present (over 2 weeks), a note from a medical provider must be supplied and exclusion will remain in effect until informed otherwise by a medical provider.
23. RASH
- A. **With** fever or behavior change until the medical provider determines that the illness is non-communicable. (DOCTORS NOTE REQUIRED)
24. Any child determined by the Health Department to be contributing to the transmission of illness during an outbreak.
25. SIGNS OF POSSIBLE SEVERE ILLNESS- including unusual lethargy, irritability, persistent crying, difficulty breathing, uncontrolled coughing. (DOCTORS NOTE REQUIRED)
26. Parents are asked to assume responsibility for keeping their child at home if there is any doubt about his/her health or ability to participate in the activities at the center.
27. Parents are asked that whenever their child has been exposed to a communicable disease; please report this to the program staff (e.g. Center Manager, Family Advocate, or Program Nurse). The program staff will inform families of communicable disease that may be present among staff and/or children at the center.
28. If a child is hospitalized for illness, injury, or surgery, he/she must have a doctor's note verifying that return to the program is allowed. Any restrictions or limitations must be discussed with the program staff and be in writing from the medical provider.
29. Children with ear drainage should not have anything placed in the ear by staff to prevent drainage from being expelled.



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REASONS NOT TO EXCLUDE:

1. Common colds, runny nose (regardless of color or consistency of nasal drainage)
2. A cough not associated with an infectious disease (pertussis) or a fever
3. Yellow or white eye drainage NOT associated with pink or red conjunctiva
4. Rash without fever or behavioral change
5. Lice or nits (exclusion can wait until end of day)
6. Ringworm (exclusion can wait until end of day)
7. Molluscum contagiosum (no exclusion or covering of area necessary)
8. Fifth disease (“slapped-cheek disease”) (infectious period precedes the rash)