



CENTER SICK POLICY

Our "Sick Policy" is as follows:

Department of Health regulations prohibit the admittance of any child that exhibits any of the following symptoms:

- Fever - child needs to be fever free for **72 hours without the aid of medication** send home if higher than 100.0
- Diarrhea – child must be symptom free for **72 hours without the aid of medication** if a child has loose stool twice, call to warn parents... 3rd time- send home and child can NOT return for 24 hrs.
- Vomiting – child must be symptom free for **72 hours without the aid of medication** same as diarrhea
- Runny nose with colored discharge
- Rash – doctor's note must be given to show rash is not contagious
- Discharge from eyes or ears same as rash
- Head Lice / Nits – child must be treated and a doctor's note is required for child to return to center
- Communicable Diseases – flu, chickenpox, croup, measles, mumps, conjunctivitis (pink eye), strep throat, thrush, meningitis, etc. The child may return when the incubation and contagious period has passed and when he/she has a doctor's note allowing them to return to the center.
If your child is on antibiotics, he/she continues to be contagious for 24 hours after the first dose of medication and cannot return to the center until this time period has passed.

Department of Health regulations prohibit us from giving your child medication of any kind. Please make arrangements with your child's pediatrician regarding the timing of medications so you can administer them.

Covid Specific Info

If a child has ANY of the following symptoms they will be escorted to an isolation area where they will wait to be picked up.

You are strongly encouraged to visit a doctor and have your child tested for COVID-19 and this will result in them being allowed to return to school sooner.

If your child has no known contact with a positive case, they can return to school only when ALL the following are met:

- Clearance from a health care provider AND
- Symptom free for 24 hours without the aid of medication.

If your child is a close contact of a positive case the following must be met:

- Complete a 14 day quarantine regardless of symptoms or test from last contact AND
- Symptom free for 24 hours without the use of medication AND
- Present clearance from a health care provider

If your child does not get tested they can not return to school until:

- 10 days have passed since the first symptom AND
- Symptom free for 24 hours without the use of medication.

- A family member or guardian will be contacted by a staff member and asked to pick up the student.
- Upon pick up, the nurse/health professional and school staff should strongly encourage the family to visit a doctor and get the student tested for COVID-19, and provide the information of the closest testing site, if asked.
- If the student has had no known contact with a positive case, the student can only return to school when all the following are met. The DOE will explore with NYS DOH the possibility of adjusting the standard for students returning to school who have been unable to seek COVID testing and health care provider evaluation:
 - Presents clearance from a health care provider evaluation **AND**
 - The student has been symptom free for 24 hours without the use of medication.
 - Additionally, the student should participate in remote learning, if feeling well enough.
- If DOHMH or Test + Trace determine the student is considered a close contact of a positive case, the student can only return to school when all the following are met:
 - The student has completed a 14-day quarantine regardless of symptoms or test results since their last exposure to that case **AND**
 - Presents clearance from a health care provider evaluation **AND**
 - The student has been symptom free for 24 hours without the use of medication.
 - Additionally, the student should participate in remote learning, if feeling well enough.
- If the student does not get tested, then the student cannot return to school until:
 - 10 days have passed since the first symptom **AND**
 - The student has been symptom free for 24 hours without the use of medication.

If a school-based staff member shows symptoms of COVID-19 while at school:

- School-based staff members showing symptoms at COVID-19 will be directed to leave the building.
- The school should strongly encourage the staff member to visit a doctor and get tested for COVID-19.
- If the staff member has had no known contact with a positive case, the staff member can only return to work when all the following are met:
 - Presents a negative COVID-19 test result **AND**
 - Presents clearance from a health care provider evaluation **AND**
 - The staff member has been symptom free for 24 hours without the use of medication.
- If DOHMH or Test + Trace