

## **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 <u>72 hours without the aid of medication</u> send home if higher than 100.0
- Diarrhea child must be symptom free for <u>72 hours without the aid of medication</u> 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 <u>72 hours without the aid of medication</u> same as diarrhea
- Runny nose with colored discharge
- Rash check with doctor if we don't know what it is, child should be picked up and taken to the doctor
- 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.