

ROSE K. GOEDERT CENTER FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
ILLNESS POLICY

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The staff at the Center try their best to keep our environment as clean and germ free as possible. We need parents help with this as well. Please have your children wash their hands when they come into the classroom.

Please keep in mind that bringing a sick child to school leaves the other children and teachers in the classroom open to that illness. If not sure when you should bring a child in please refer to the following guidelines.

IN CASE OF ILLNESS

- 1. Your child must be kept home if he/she has a temperature of 101 degrees or higher. We will send a child home from school if their fever reaches this point. We may also give you a call to let you know if your child has a fever even though the temperature is not at this high point.**
- 2. Your child may not return to school until he or she has been fever free for 24 hours. If a child is sent home with a fever they may not return the next day.**
- 3. Children who are experiencing vomiting and/or diarrhea must be kept at home until these symptoms cease. We will give you a call if your child does vomit at school.**
- 4. Children with bad colds and/or hacking coughs must remain at home even if they do not have a fever.**
- 5. Children diagnosed with Strep throat must be kept home for 24 hours after treatment has been initiated and until child has been without a fever for 24 hours.**
- 6. Children with a skin rash, not related to allergies or allergic reactions may not come to the Center without written permission from the doctor stating that the rash is not contagious.**
- 7. If your child has missed school because of a communicable disease, hospitalization or surgery, we must receive written authorization from your child's doctor prior to the child's return to the Center.**

8. Per DCFS regulations a child with a diagnosed case of pink eye must stay home for 24 hours after their treatment begins. Please give us a call once your child has been diagnosed so that we can make the other parents aware to look for the signs and symptoms. If you have a doctor's note stating your child is not contagious and can come back to school in less than 24 hours we will accept that and your child can return. We will need that note to let your child return in less than 24 hours.

9. Children diagnosed with Impetigo must be kept home for 24 hours after treatment has been initiated.

10. Children infected with Head Lice must be kept home until the morning after the first treatment. There are times when a child may have to have more than one treatment. Your child's head must be nit free.

11. Children diagnosed with Chicken Pox must be kept home until at least six days after onset of rash.

12. Children with Scabies must be kept home until the morning after the first treatment.

13. Children with illness that calls for greater care than the staff can provide without compromising the health and safety of other children must be kept home.

14. Children who present with unusual lethargy, irritability, persistent crying, difficulty breathing or other signs of possible severe illness must be kept home.

15. Children with mouth sores associated with the child's inability to control his/her saliva must be kept home until the child's physician states that the child is non-infectious.

The Center staff will give medications under the following conditions:

1. We receive a written note from a physician, which states the medication to be given and times and dosages.
2. A signed medication form from the parent giving us permission to administer the medication.

3. The medication is in its original marked container.
4. Children with fevers will not be given fever-reducing medication.
5. Children who are given cold medications that contain a fever reducer will be checked throughout the day for a fever.
6. If a medication is not recommended for a child of a certain age the medication will not be given without express written permission from the child's doctor.
7. If a child needs special medications or medical procedures, such as insulin or a feeding tube, the teachers involved as well as the director and assistant director will be trained by the parent and/or a licensed health care professional to provide the medication or treatment needed.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

It is important that you fill out the yellow information card completely. We store these cards in a file at the front desk so they are immediately available during an emergency. This file box is taken with us if we ever have to vacate the Center. Care plans are kept for all children who have special medical needs i.e. insulin dependence, asthma, allergies that require epi-pens and any other chronic medical condition that requires regular medication or technology support.

All Center staff are trained in First/Aid and CPR. If a child is sick or injured they will be cared for by the classroom teacher and/or administrative staff. Parents will be notified immediately if a child is ill and meets the previous listed requirements to need home care.

Parents will be notified if an injury is significant and the staff believes it is necessary for a child to be seen by a doctor.

If it is deemed necessary to obtain emergency medical care the Center will call 911. All children will be transported to Gottlieb Hospital unless otherwise determined by the emergency medical personnel. Determinations are made based on the child's needs.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

A current medical exam by a physician is required for each child enrolled in the Center. In addition a TB skin test and a lead screening may also be required. If your doctor deems these tests unnecessary at the time of the physical he/she must note that on the appropriate line. The last physical exam can be no older than 6

months prior to your child starting the program. All medical records must be submitted during the program visit. The medical record is valid for two years. A re-examination must be completed at that time with the update submitted to the Center. Children whose medicals have expired and have no proof of an upcoming doctor's appointment will not be able to attend the Center until the physical form is completed.

If a child is under immunized and a child in our care has a vaccine preventable disease, the child will be removed from the classroom until the parent has been notified and makes the decision whether to keep the child in the program.

The State of Illinois requires all childcare staff members to report any instances of child abuse and neglect to the proper authorities.

Please remember that the guidelines are in place for your child's well being as well as everyone else in the Center. If you ever have any questions about the policy or procedures please contact the school director in person, at preschool.dom.edu or at 708-714-9150.