

WVCDC HEALTH POLICY

A good part of our program is geared to providing a healthy environment for your child. A proper balance of physical exercise, rest and good foods are part of this process.

When children are sick, we ask the parents to please keep them at home until they are fully recovered. We found that when children are not ready to return after an illness, their day at the Centre is an unhappy and tiring one. Returning too soon after being sick interferes with recuperation and may lead to further absence.

Prescription Medications

All the following conditions must be met before medications will be administered:

1. Medication must be in original container with current date.
2. Parents must complete a "Request for Administration of Medication" form at the Centre, which clearly states:
 - a) Physician's name
 - b) Child's name
 - c) Type of medication
 - d) Dosage
 - e) Length of time to be taken
 - f) Any special instructions (i.e. shake well, refrigerate, give with empty/full stomach, time of day to be administered, etc.)

Non-Prescription Medications

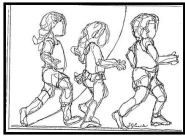
When your child requires a non-prescription medication, it will only be administered under the following conditions:

1. Medication must have a current prescription label attached to it.
2. Doctor's note which states:
 - a) Child's name
 - b) What the medication is for
 - c) How much should be administered
 - d) Length of time to be taken
3. The doctor's note must follow the WVCDC Health Policy.

When Your Child Should be Kept at Home

There are three important issues in determining when a child is too ill to attend daycare. Children should be kept at home if they have:

1. An illness that prevents them from taking part in the normal activities of the day.



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2. An illness that requires more care that the staff can provide without compromising the care and safety of the other children.
3. A very infectious illness. Other children must be protected from communicable diseases.

The staff person in charge can refuse to accept a child deemed too ill to attend. The parent will then be asked to take the child home.

Vancouver Coastal Health provides guidelines for daycares which is used to determine if your child may attend the Centre or needs to be excluded. Should your doctor's recommendation differ from the recommendations provided by Vancouver Coastal Health, the final decision will rest with the Centre's Director and the Board.

A child should not attend the Center if he/she has or is developing any of the following:

1. A fever of 100F (38.3 C) or higher.
2. Consecutive bouts of diarrhea.
3. Skin infection, undiagnosed rash, infected eyes or signs of contagious disease.
4. Any parasite-related condition (impetigo, scabies, head lice, etc.)
5. Acute cold with coughing, runny nose or eyes, sore throat.
6. Vomited in the past 36 hours.

A child may return to the daycare when:

1. The fever has remained below 100F (38.3 C) for 36 hours without medication.
2. The child has had at least 1 normal bowel movement.
3. The child has been examined by a doctor and has received medical clearance.
4. Symptoms have subsided.
5. 36 hours have passed since last bout of sickness.
6. 36 hours have passed since last bout of vomiting.

Children who are not feeling well enough to participate in the Centre's program (i.e. outdoor play) need to stay at home. When a child becomes ill at the Centre, the staff will notify the parents. If for any reason staff are unable to reach the parents, the emergency contact person will be called.