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## Symptom Exclusion Policy

██████████ is a well-child daycare. For the safety and health of everyone (the children, the provider, and the provider's family), there are no exceptions to the Symptom Exclusion Policy. Children will not be excluded from care for illnesses, but rather for symptoms. The following symptoms will require exclusion from care **regardless of cause**:

- ❖ The child cannot participate comfortably in daycare activities.
- ❖ The child requires greater care than the provider can provide safely.
- ❖ Acute difference in behavior – lethargy, irritability, persistent crying, difficulty breathing, uncontrolled coughing, etc.
- ❖ Fever of 100°F or above taken auxiliary or 101°F orally
- ❖ One or more episodes of vomiting
- ❖ Two or more episodes of loose and/or watery stools
- ❖ An increased number of stools or blood or mucous in stools
- ❖ Abdominal pain that lasts for two or more hours
- ❖ Mouth sores with drooling
- ❖ Any type of rash other than *mild* diaper rash
- ❖ Eye discharge or purulent conjunctivitis
- ❖ Excessive runny nose, coughing, sneezing, or drool
- ❖ Nose discharge that is any color other than clear
- ❖ Lice, scabies, or any other "infestation"
- ❖ Untreated tuberculosis and known contagious diseases while still in the communicable stages and while any of the above symptoms are present

### ***How long does my child need to be excluded?***

- If a parent decides to keep their child home they need to remain home for a FULL 24 hours after becoming symptom free.
- If a child is sent home from daycare due to symptoms, they need to remain home for a FULL 48 hours after becoming symptom free.

### ***Medication Policy:***

No over-the-counter medications will be administered at ██████████. Prescription medications may be administered, but only for chronic or life-threatening illnesses and only when it is impossible for them to be administered at home. All efforts should be made for all prescription medications to be administered at home.

- For safety, if your child is on any medication (over-the-counter or prescription) you are required to let the provider know.
- No child should attend daycare after being given a fever or pain reducing medication. If they need a fever or pain reducer to get through the day then they belong at home.
- If a child is given any type of medication without informing the provider or if the child has been given a fever or pain reducer before attending care, the child care contract will be terminated immediately.

- A FULL 48 hour exclusion is required for all children starting an antibiotic medication. Exclusion begins at the first dose of antibiotic.

**Immunization Policy:**

Children must be excluded a FULL 48 hours after receiving immunizations. It is recommended that parents make appointments for immunizations on a Friday afternoon so the child can remain home on Saturday and Sunday and then return to care on Monday. Immunizations must be up to date for all children. If the provider discovers a child who is not up to date, the child must be excluded from care until their immunizations are current – a child excluded from care must still remain home for the FULL 48 hours after receiving immunizations. Remember to keep up with your child’s immunization schedule in order to avoid exclusion.

**Doctor’s Notes:**

██████ may require a doctor’s note stating a child’s diagnosis and treatment plan before they may return to care. A specific form provided by ██████ must be used for all doctor’s notes. Although a doctor’s note may be required, the provider has the final decision in whether a child may or may not return to care.

*By signing the Symptom Exclusion Policy, the parent/guardian has carefully read and understands all of the above exclusion criteria as well as the above policies regarding the health and safety of their child. The parent/guardian understands that should they decide to not adhere to the above policies their child care contract will be terminated.*

Child’s Name	
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
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