



# Sick Child Policy

HELLO,

and Thank You for choosing Tiny Toes Learning Center LLC., for your childcare needs. Here is an updated copy of our sick policy please read it carefully and sign the last page then return immediately. If this policy is not signed and returned your child will not be admitted back into the program.

Tiny Toes Learning Center LLC., is a "well child" program **WE DO NOT PROVIDE CONTINUOUS CARE FOR MILDLY ILL CHILDREN**. If your child becomes mildly ill, they will be excluded from the program until recovered. **A DOCTOR'S NOTE MAY INCLUDE THE CHILD BACK INTO THE PROGRAM**, however; it is up to the judgment of the child care staff to determine if the child is well enough to participate in daily program activities.

Tiny Toes Learning Center LLC., understands that it is difficult for parents and guardians to leave or miss work therefore it is highly suggested that alternative arrangements are made for instances when children must remain at home or be picked up early due to illness. We take the health of the children in our care very seriously.

Because children in child care are exposed to germs carrying disease and illness we must do our best to limit exposure to reduce the spread of sickness and disease for all children in our care.

**YOUR CHILD MUST BE PICKED UP WITHIN A 30-MINUTE TIME FRAME AFTER THE PARENT IS CALLED**. If the child isn't picked up or we are unable to reach the parent of the child, the emergency contact person will be called. If no one can be reached this is considered neglect and as mandated reporters, we will have to report this as an incident of neglect. Your child will be made comfortable and offered a quiet place to rest until you arrive. **IF YOUR CHILD LEAVES ANOTHER PROGRAM OR SCHOOL DURING THE REGULAR SCHOOL DAY DUE TO ILLNESS, HE MAY NOT ATTEND CARE THAT SAME DAY**.

Exclusion from the center is sometimes necessary to reduce the transmission of illness. Our center is unable to adequately meet the needs of a sick child.

In addition, we ask that you do not mask the symptoms with Tylenol, Motrin, or Advil because your child may still infect the other children with his or her illness.

Mild illnesses are very common among young children, however; to prevent the spread of illness we've listed symptoms and illnesses that will require your child to be excluded immediately.

## FEVER

If your child has an axillary temperature above **99.0 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT**, we will not accept your child into the program. A mandatory time of 24 hours without any symptoms are required before the child may return to the program. A doctor

## COMMON COLD

The common cold is something often seen with small children. **HOWEVER, A COLD WITH YELLOW OR GREEN DISCHARGE IS A SIGN OF INFECTION AND COULD BE CONTAGIOUS.** Your child will be required to go to the doctor and will not be permitted back into the program without a doctor's note. The green and yellow mucus must be cleared before entering the program

## PERSISTENT COUGH

Persistent cough should be taken very seriously. It could be a sign of asthma, pneumonia, flu or whooping cough. **IF YOUR CHILD IS SENT HOME BECAUSE OF A PERSISTENT COUGH. HE OR SHE MUST BE SEEN BY THE DOCTOR. YOUR CHILD WILL BE PERMITTED BACK INTO THE PROGRAM BASED ON THE DOCTORS' OBSERVATION.** Your child must be symptom free before entering back into the program. Meaning there should be no more persistent coughing.

# STOMACH FLU OR STOMACH VIRUS

Stomach flu and stomach virus are very contagious illnesses. **YOUR CHILD MAY NOT BE PERMITTED BACK INTO THE PROGRAM 24 HOURS AFTER HE OR SHE NO LONGER SHOWS SYMPTOMS OF DIARRHEA VOMITING HEADACHE AND FEELING LETHARGIC.** Your child must be able to participate in the normal daily activities of the program.

# FLU BACTERIAL PNEUMONIA AND VIRAL PNEUMONIA

Flu bacterial pneumonia and viral pneumonia are very contagious. If he or she is diagnosed with any of these illnesses he or she is required to see a family doctor or urgent care immediately. There is a five-day exclusion for any of these illnesses. If pneumonia is found there should be a follow up appointment before the child is permitted back into the program. May I repeat **FIVE-DAY EXCLUSION BECAUSE OF THE CONTAGIOUSNESS OF THIS ILLNESS.**

# DIARRHEA AND VOMITING

If your child has diarrhea or vomiting, he or she **MUST BE PICKED UP IMMEDIATELY FOR THE CHILD MAY BE CARRYING A VERY CONTAGIOUS ILLNESS.** Your child must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning back to the program.

# RINGWORM, FUNGUS

If your child is found to have ringworm, he or she **MUST BE EXCLUDED FROM THE PROGRAM FOR A MINIMUM OF 24 HOURS WITH MEDICATION.** The ringworm must be covered at all times. A doctor's note is required.

# CAXSACHIE VIRUS (foot mouth disease) AND CHICKEN POX

If your child has been diagnosed with foot mouth disease, he or she **MAY NOT RETURN BACK TO THE PROGRAM FOR THE MINIMUM OF FIVE DAYS.** A doctor's note is required before the child will be able to return. This is a two-step process there must be an initial diagnosis and then a follow up by your primary physician to make sure the foot and mouth disease is no longer contagious. They must scab on the rash before the child is let back into the program. This is a very contagious illness.

*\*\*Although chickenpox is not as popular as it was before if a case is found we will follow the same rules for foot mouth disease.\*\**

# CONJUNCTIVITIS (PINKEYE)

If your child is suspected to have conjunctivitis or pinkeye **YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PICK YOUR CHILD UP IMMEDIATELY.** Conjunctivitis is highly contagious, and your child may infect other children. If you suspect that your child may have conjunctivitis, please do not bring them into the daycare. Take your child immediately to the primary physician or urgent care. Please inform the daycare of the illness.

# STREP THROAT

Strep throat is a highly contagious illness amongst young children again if you suspect your child may have strep throat please take them to your primary physician or urgent care immediately. **FOR SMALL CHILDREN IT IS ADVISED THAT YOU DO A FOLLOW UP APPOINTMENT TO MAKE SURE THE ANTIBIOTIC HAS WORKED AND STREP IS NO LONGER IN YOUR CHILD'S SYSTEM.**

# SCARLET FEVER

Scarlet fever is very contagious. The symptoms may contain rash and fever. Please do not send your child to the daycare if you see the symptoms. **A FIVE-DAY EXCLUSION PERIOD IS REQUIRED IF YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH SCARLET FEVER.** A doctors' note is required before your child can return.

# SCABIES AND LICE

Scabies and lice are highly contagious illnesses. **YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE PERMITTED BACK INTO THE PROGRAM IF THERE IS STILL A REMAINING RASH FROM SCABIES.** Your child will not be able to return to the program for five days after medication is applied to the skin if scabies is found.

If your child has lice he or she may not return to the program for 5 days. Lice is a highly contagious and it spreads quickly. There should be no nicks or lice present in your child's hair when they return to daycare. **AGAIN, PLEASE DO NOT HIDE THIS INFORMATION FROM US THEY ARE OTHER CHILDREN IN THE PROGRAM WHO HAVE FAMILIES. IT IS NOT FAIR TO INFECT A WHOLE FAMILY WITH LICE WHEN THIS COULD'VE BEEN AVOIDED BY YOU KEEPING YOUR CHILD HOME**

# RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus)

RSV is a very contagious virus that infects younger children and infants. RSV can lead to other illnesses such as bronchitis or pneumonia which can become life-threatening for small children. If your Child has the following symptoms, please take them immediately to the primary physician or urgent care. Trouble breathing a cough producing yellow green or gray mucus refusing to bottle feed, and dehydration. Your child will not be able to return to the daycare for a minimum of two weeks and a follow up appointment is required before the child will be admitted back into the program

# ASTHMA

Asthma is a very serious disease. Asthma should be taken very seriously by the staff as well as the parents. Any child who has been diagnosed with asthma must have an albuterol pump with an arrow chamber or and nebulizer machine at the daycare. If your child has an asthma attack you will be called immediately to come, pick up your child. And albuterol treatment will be given to your child to ensure the safety and well-being of the child. However, if your child has an attack you must take your child to see his pediatrician or urgent care doctor to ensure his or her lungs are clear. A note is required from the doctor stating that the child is OK to return back to the center and resume to his or her normal activities. **WITH ASTHMA YOU MUST BE PROACTIVE AND NOT REACTIVE. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS BREATHING NORMALLY BEFORE THEY MAY RETURN.**

# SKIN RASHES

Skin rashes of any kind must be dealt with immediately. If your child has a rash on his or her skin, he must be taken to urgent care or primary physician immediately. A doctors' note is required before he or she may return.

Each morning we perform a quick health assessment on your child, as well as throughout the day. (A quick look over for visible signs of sickness or physical injury)

We will not provide care for a sick child if the health of other children is at risk. Please keep your child home if s(he) is sick. A child that is sick cannot participate in daily activities and routines and cannot be successful in group care.

We administer prescription and nonprescription medication. You must provide written authorization to administer.

Our staff can administer nonprescription topical skin products, such as baby lotion, diaper ointment, teething gel and sunscreen, with written authorization to administer.

*Masking and hiding symptoms of disease puts everyone at risk of getting sick. If anyone is caught or thought to be hiding or masking illnesses, we at Tiny Toes Learning Center reserve the right to dismiss your family from our program immediately.*

This is proof that I have read, and I understand The updated version of the Tiny Toes Learning Center 2017 Sick Child Policy.

CHILD'S NAME

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Parent's Signature

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Date

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Parent's Signature

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Administrator Signature

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