

ABC Express Preschool "ILLNESS" Policy

Although I am not a trained medical professional, I have been educated in the recognition of infectious childhood sickness and disease and I will attempt to alert you at the first sign of any illness.

In order to protect the health of all the children in my classes. I will call you at work/home and request that you pick up your child within fifteen minutes if he or she exhibits any of the following symptoms:

- "fever over 100 degrees
- *excessive diarrhea
- *vomiting
- *conjunctivitis ("pink eye")
- *persistent complaints of ear or stomach pain
- *bleeding other than minor cuts and scrapes
- *excessive greenish nasal discharge, indicating possible infection
- * Head lice(nit free)
- *skin irritations (rashes) possible chicken-pox

In the even that your child is sent home due to one of the above conditions, he or she will not be allowed to return until they have been symptom free for a full 24 hours. This policy is intended to help prevent the unnecessary infection of the other children in my care. Although it may seem inconvenient when your child is sent home, you will appreciate knowing your child's exposure is minimized when other children become ill.

Your child will not be sent home for having a common cold, unless accompanied by a fever or other severe symptoms. However, many times when young children are ill, they may not show "classic" signs of the illness, but will be excessively fussy or need one on one attention. If this is the case I will give you a call, because sometimes they just want to be home, and this will help me to provide the quality care to all the children in the class.

If possible, I will attempt to have an alternate teacher in class for my own sick days, however I cannot guarantee that this will always be possible.