

Little Apples Childcare Center

Health and Safety Policies – Parents Handbook

- ✓ **Illness/Medication:** The Center **CANNOT** accept any child if the child has the following:
- An oral temperature more than 101 degrees unless the fever is immunization related. In which case, you need to advise the Center's caregiver. (The child must be free of elevated temperature for 24 hours without fever reducing medication before returning to the Center)
 - Any signs or symptoms of possible severe illness such as lethargy, difficulty breathing, uncontrolled diarrhea, vomiting (two or more episodes in 24 hours), rash with fever, mouth sores with drooling, wheezing, behavior changes, or other unusual signs until medical evaluation indicates that the child can be included in the Center's activities. Three consecutive episodes of loose, watery stools occurring within one hour constitutes diarrhea. Children with diarrhea may return to the Center when diarrhea has subsided for 24 hours.
 - The illness prevents the child from participating comfortably in Center activities.
 - **For respect of the other children, staff, and parents, the illness can be prevented from spreading if you keep your child home during these 24 hours.**
 - The child has been diagnosed with a communicable disease, until medical evaluation determines that the child is no longer communicable and is able to participate in the Center's activities. We request a copy of the medical evaluation from child's physician on first day they return to the Center.
 - Any generalized rash, including those covering multiple parts of the body, must be evaluated by a physician. The child may return with a note from physician stating the child is not contagious.
 - If you are keeping your child home for any of the above reasons, please notify the Center immediately that morning to inform them your child will not be attending daycare that day.

If any of the above occurs while at the Center, the parent/guardian will be contacted immediately, and you will be required to have your child picked up within one hour.

A child may return to the Center after 24 hours without fever (without fever reducing medications), or in the event of communicable illness with a physician's written consent stating that the child is no longer contagious), or when symptoms no longer persist (for non-communicable illness).

