

# COMMUNICABLE DISEASE MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Keeping children healthy is a partnership between parents, childcare providers, children themselves and the medical provider. Sound health policies go a long way toward keeping all children and staff at the Center healthy.

The State of California Department of Social Services requires a physical examination, TB test and proof of all required immunizations prior to enrollment in school. No exceptions may be made.

## Sick Child Policy and Procedure

Children must be in good health to attend Canyon Rim Children's Center. Children who are observed to be in ill health upon arrival will be asked to return home.

Please make sure you have updated all phone numbers on your child's emergency card and form that are filed with the center. Parents of children who become ill while at the center will be called to pick them up. **A parent/guardian or a reliable back-up person must be available to pick-up a child who becomes ill while at the center. Arrangements must be in place to have the sick child picked up within thirty (30) minutes of being notified.**

1. When your child is ill, please keep him/her at home so they can rest properly and recover.
2. A staff member trained in First Aid and Communicable Diseases observes each child daily before he or she enters a group. Children will not be allowed to attend if he/she has:
  - ❖ A fever of 100 degrees or greater.
  - ❖ A low-grade fever with behavior changes and/or other signs of illness.
  - ❖ Undiagnosed or untreated skin rash other than a localized diaper rash.
  - ❖ Uncontrolled diarrhea. Stools running out of the diaper or the child unable get to the toilet in time.
  - ❖ Vomiting while at the Center or having done so 2 more times in the previous 24 hrs.
  - ❖ Evidence of lice infestation or scabies.
  - ❖ Untreated earache
  - ❖ Persistent coughing, difficult or rapid breathing or wheezing.
  - ❖ Impetigo.
  - ❖ Strep throat.
  - ❖ Shingles.
  - ❖ Conjunctivitis or Pink Eye
  - ❖ Mouth sores with drooling.
3. Other reasons to exclude a child from the center are an observed illness that prevents a child from participating comfortably in routine activities or may require more care than the staff is able to provide without compromising the health and safety of the other children.
4. Children must stay away from the center until they are fever free for 24 hrs. before they can be readmitted. At a minimum, if CRCC sends a child home with a documented fever, they may not return to school the next school day. If on antibiotics, the child must be on them for 24 hrs. before returning to the Center.
5. Reasons to exclude a child from the center do not require a medical diagnosis by a physician.
6. The final decision whether to exclude a child from the center will be made by the staff member responsible for the child.