

# ILLNESS POLICY

**POLICY:** Children who are mildly ill, but do not qualify for exclusion, will be accepted for care in the regular program. Children who become ill with excludable symptoms while at the center, will be cared for away from the group until the child is picked up by an authorized adult. Specialized care plans will be followed.

**PURPOSE:** To insure every child a healthy, safe and supportive experience.  
To protect the health of everyone in the group.  
To assist program staff in meeting all children's needs.  
To protect the rights of the family and child.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Understand the reason for excluding a child.
  - a. The illness prevents the child from comfortably participating in daily activities.
  - b. The illness requires more care than the childcare staff are able to provide without compromising the health and safety of the other children.
  - c. The symptoms or illness are any of those specified on the "Inclusion - Exclusion Guidelines".
2. Conditions for which you would not automatically exclude a child:
  - a. When instructed not to exclude the child by a health care provider or the Public Health Dept.
  - b. Non-contagious conditions, such as chronic medical conditions or disabilities.

**The final decision to exclude a child from care is made by the staff of the childcare program. Staff may consult with the Communicable Disease Nurse and/or CCHP Nurse Consultant for questions.**