

## KIDS STUFF CENTER

When is a child too sick to attend Kids Stuff?

In complying with state licensing and IUSD regulations, Kids Stuff is not allowed to accept sick children into our care, nor may sick children remain in our care once they have become ill. Therefore, specific guidelines have been established to assist parents and staff in determining if a child is too ill and must remain at home to help prevent the spread of contagious illnesses:

SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS	CHILD MUST REMAIN HOME IF...	CHILD CAN RETURN WHEN, WITHOUT MEDICAITON...
<b>FEVER</b>	The fever is at or above 100 degrees, or child has had a fever in the past 24 hours.	The temperature has returned to normal for at least 24 hours.
<b>VOMITING</b>	The child has vomited within the past 24 hours and appears lethargic or uncomfortable.	The child has not vomited for at least 24 hours and the child feels well enough to eat without an upset stomach.
<b>DIARRHEA</b>	There are 2 loose bowel movements within a 24 hour period	The loose stools have subsided for at least 24 hours.
<b>COUGHING</b>	The child has a persistent cough.	The cough has subsided, and/or the child has been seen and treated by a physician.
<b>RUNNY NOSE</b>	There is green or yellow drainage from the nose.	After drainage clears and the child has felt okay after 24 hours.
<b>SORE THROAT</b>	There is redness in the throat and child is irritable and uncomfortable.	The child was seen and/or treated by a physician. If given antibiotics, has taken daily doses for 48 hours.
<b>EAR ACHE OR DRAINAGE</b>	Child complains of pain and/or there is drainage from the ear canal.	The child was seen and/or treated by a physician. If given antibiotics, has taken daily doses for 48 hours.
<b>RED, WATER EYES</b>	Child complains of burning or itching in the eyes, and /or there is drainage from the eyes.	When prescribed medication has been started, and eyes are not watery, sensitive to light and drainage has cleared, all for at least 24 hours
<b>RASH OR SKIN CONDITION</b>	The rash is suspicious and appears to be spreading, and if the child is itching and uncomfortable.	The rash disappears or has been diagnosed by a physical as non-communicable. Doctor's note needed.
<b>ITCHY SCALP</b>	Lice nits have been found on the hair shaft.	The day after child's hair has been shampooed with RID an ALL nits and lice have been removed from the hair shafts.

**If your child is sent home from school or Kids Stuff with an illness of any kind, they will not be able to return for at least 24 hours. A written note from a physician may also be requested to readmit the child into the program.**

**Please note: if your child becomes ill while at school, you will be notified immediately and the child must be picked up within 30 minutes.**

### HEALTH/ILLNESS REQUIREMENTS

The physical health and safety of each child is the first order of priority at Kids Stuff. Our effectiveness in teaching is dependent largely on the physical wellbeing of the child. Please take the initiative to keep your child at home when he/she is fatigued or ill for his/her sake and for the sake of the other children. In fairness to your own child, it is imperative that contagious children not attend school. Most importantly, do not return your child to school until he/she is able to participate in all activities in the normal school day. We CANNOT honor requests to keep children indoors all day, as supervision is not available. It is also the responsibility of the parents to notify the school and Kids Stuff if there has been exposure to contagious illnesses, communicable diseases or head lice.

Kids Stuff appreciates your attention to and support of these policies stated.