



## Gun Lake Child Care Sick Child Policies

If your child is not feeling well, for any reason, you will need to find alternate care. Control of communicable illness among children is a prime concern. In order to protect the entire group of children, as well as your own child, we ask that parents assist us by not bringing their child if he/she has a contagious illness or exhibits any of the following symptoms:

- Fever of 100 degrees or above. Must be fever free for **24 hours** without fever reducing medicine. There are **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this policy.
- Signs of newly developing cold or severe coughing/sneezing.
- Vomiting in excess of typical infant spit-ups. Must be out for **48 hours** after last occurrence. There are **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this policy.
- Diarrhea. Must be out for **48 hours** after last occurrence. There are **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this policy.
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye).
- Unusual or unexplained loss of appetite, fatigue, irritability, or headache.
- Consistent complaints of ear or stomach pain.
- Bleeding other than minor cuts and scrapes.
- A communicable disease (measles, mumps, etc.).
- Chicken Pox (until all blisters have dried and formed scabs, usually around 7 days after the onset of the rash).
- Excessive colored discharge from eyes or nose, indicating possible infection.
- Head lice. Must be nit free before returning.
- Unexplainable rash.

In general, if your child is too sick to go outside and play, then your child is too sick to attend Child Care. If your child becomes ill while at Child Care, you will be phoned at work/home and asked to pick up your child immediately.

Most generally the first two days of illness are the most contagious time. Although winter runny noses are somewhat unavoidable, please use your best judgment, and call us if you are unsure.

If your child has a common cold (slight cough, sneezing, clear runny nose and/or a temperature below 100 degrees) your child may attend Child Care, however, if your child reaches a point when he/she requires constant attention, will not play, cries continuously whines, and wants to be held consistently then your child needs to stay home.

You should expect that any time a new child is introduced to the group, colds and other minor illnesses are likely to occur until everyone's immune systems have adjusted to the new exposures. Also, advise us when a member of your family has an illness so that we can be alert to the possibility of symptoms developing in the child or group.

Children may return to care only at such time as they will no longer endanger the health of other children. They must be able to participate in daily activities, and the following conditions have been met:

- Absence of fever for 24 hours without a fever reducer.
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea has subsided for 48 hours.
- Children must have been on antibiotics for period of 24 hours.
- Physician has approved readmission into care.
- Chicken pox lesions are completely crusted over.
- Scabies are under treatment.
- Lice is under treatment, and no nits are present on hair.
- Lesions from impetigo are no longer weeping.
- Conjunctivitis has diminished and been treated to the point that the eyes are no longer discharging.
- The child has completed the contagious stage of illness.

Please note that no child will be readmitted after a communicable disease without a statement from a medical facility or physician.

Please dispense all medications at home whenever possible. For times when this is not possible, a Medication Form must be filled out in order for us to dispense any medications.

Parents Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Administrator \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Licensing Director \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_