

Messiah Lutheran Child Care Illness/ Exclusion and Medication Policies:

Illness Policy:

For the health and safety of our staff and other children in our care, a sick child will not be permitted to return to care for 24 hours after condition has returned to normal. The child may return 24 - 48 hours (depending upon the illness) after they have received the first dose of an antibiotic. If a child receives an antibiotic for an ear infection, he/she may return to daycare immediately, if he/she has been free of other symptoms mentioned for at least 24 hours. If you aren't sure about whether or not to bring your child to care, **please contact the child care director.**

Symptoms requiring removal of child from child care:

- **Fever:** A temperature of 100°F or higher taken under the tongue (a child needs to be fever free for a minimum of 24 hours before returning to daycare. This means your child has to be fever free **without the aid of Tylenol®, or any other fever reducing substance**
- **Earache and Irritability**
- **Diarrhea:** Runny, watery, bloody stools, or 2 or more loose stools within the last 24 hours
- **Vomiting:** 2 or more times in a 24 hour period. Please do not bring your child if they have vomited in the night. As well as if it is accompanied by headache, fever, and/or a stiff neck
- **Sore throat;** difficulty breathing, swollen glands, and trouble swallowing
- **Cough;** severe or continuous coughing, whistling sound, and difficulty breathing
- **Runny nose (other than clear),** eyes that are red with white or yellow drainage, drainage from ears, and eyes and skin that is/are yellow
- **Child has unequal pupils**
- **Rash;** frequent scratching of body, mouth sores with drooling, **Ringworm;** until after treatment, **Chickenpox;** until all lesions have dried or crusted
- **Child is irritable,** continuously crying, or requires more care than can be given by staff in a group setting, or a child who is unable to participate in regular daily activities
- **Pink Eye-** If your child has itchy, pink, oozing, & crusty/hard to open eyes
- **Head Lice-** Child must be free of head lice, nits, and eggs, before returning to child care.

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Medication Policy:

All medication is to be taken to the school office to be given to the child there, by the office staff. **If your child requires medication be given to them after or before school during child care hours, you will need to do the following:**

Parents will need to provide the medication needed by the child, which includes any over-the-counter and prescription medicine. Written authorization is needed for us to administer ANY medication, prescription or over-the-counter.

NOTE: All medicines must be in their original container with pharmacist's or manufacturer's label, child's name, dosage instructions, current date, name of medication, and times to be administered clearly written.

All staff who are competent to administer or apply medication will do so in accordance with the “Five Rights” as set out in the Medication Aide Act. The Five Rights are:

- 1.) The right drug**
- 2.) The right recipient**
- 3.) In the right dose**
- 4.) By the right route**
- 5.) At the right time**

With written permission of the parent, your school-age child may take or apply his/her own medications at the direction of the parent who is responsible for direction and monitoring.

Your child’s medication must be kept in the original container, clearly labeled with their name, and will be returned to you once your child no longer needs it. All medication will be kept in a locked storage cabinet.

Parent Signature: _____
Date: _____

TURN OVER