

## Cornerstone Montessori Sick Policy

We are always glad to have all our students in class and miss them when they stay home sick. Our sick policy is designed to ensure the wellbeing of all who participate in our programs, to hasten recovery for students who are ill, and to stop the spread of disease.

Children are screened daily for illness. We understand that it is not easy to miss work. Please have an emergency plan in place for alternate care when your child is sick.

Please be considerate of others when making the decision to send your child. Over-the-counter-pain relief, antihistamines, decongestant and cough suppressants can be administered if in the original container and accompanied by a signed parent medical consent form specifying what times to provide medication to the child. We cannot provide medication on an "as needed" basis.

Children **may not** attend Cornerstone Montessori if they have:

1. Fever over 100° and **accompanied** by one or more of the following symptoms:
  - Earache
  - Headache
  - Diarrhea
  - Vomiting
  - Signs of irritability or confusion
  - Sore Throat
  - Rash
  - Fatigue that prevents participation in regular activities or other signs of illness
2. Diarrhea (two or more watery stools within twenty-four hours, or one stool containing blood or mucus)
3. Vomiting (two or more times within twenty-four hours)
4. Rash not associated with previously diagnosed heat rash, diaper rash, or allergic reaction.
5. Open sore(s) or wound(s) discharging bodily fluids that cannot be adequately covered with a waterproof dressing or mouth sore(s) with drooling
6. Suspected communicable skin infection such as impetigo or pink eye. (children may return twenty-four hours after starting antibiotic treatment)
7. Head lice: until no nits are present
8. Ringworm and Scabies: until the day after treatment is begun
9. Persistent Cough
10. Discolored mucus from nose that cannot be controlled with over the counter medication
11. A child who appears seriously ill, which may include lethargy, persistent crying, difficulty breathing, or a significant change in behavior or activity level indicative of illness.
12. Symptoms of illness that prevent participation in regular activities or require a greater level of care than can be provided by staff without compromising the health and safety of other children.

Depending on the particular illness, children will be readmitted when they no longer pose a disease risk to others and can participate in classroom activities. Criteria are dependent on the condition and may include, but aren't limited to:

- They have been symptom free for 24 hours
- They have been without fever for 24 hours without medication
- 24 hours have passed since starting appropriate treatment
- They have a note to return from their health care provider

If a child becomes ill while in our care, we will notify the parents by phone. If the above symptoms are present, the child will need to be picked up. If a child's symptoms leave them unable to participate in classroom activities, if they show significant physical or emotional discomfort that does not resolve, or if they require staff support that we are unable to provide (for instance long absence from classroom by staff to help in bathroom, etc.), we may make the decision to send the child home for the day, even if symptoms do not meet the above requirements. We will do our best to provide a quiet place for your child to rest until arrangements can be made.

We notify parents and guardians when their children may have been exposed to a communicable disease or condition (other than the common cold) and provide them with information about that disease or condition. We notify parents and guardians of possible exposure by email through Transparent Classroom Individual child confidentiality will be maintained.

**In order to keep track of contagious illnesses (other than the common cold), a Report of Illness is submitted in Transparent Classroom. Each entry includes the child's name, classroom, and type of illness. We maintain confidentiality of this log.**