

New Day Christian Preschool

Infectious Diseases Policy

I. Notification:

A. **Parent must notify administrator or teacher if their child has been diagnosed by a physician with any of the following illnesses:**

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| 1. Pink Eye | 6. Scabies |
| 2. Strep Throat | 7. Bed Bugs |
| 3. Fifths Disease | 8. Ring Worm |
| 4. Head Lice | 9. Chicken Pox |
| 5. Salmonella | |

B. **Teachers will distribute letter to all families in affected child's class informing them of exposure to the illness.**

II. Preparing Classroom:

A. **It will be the responsibility of the teachers wipe down toys they know have been in contact with affected child/children.**

B. **It will be the responsibility of the Church custodial team to clean larger areas that may have been infected such as carpeting and other community toys.**

C. **Students will not be allowed to return to the classroom until all of the above requirements under heading II have been satisfied.**

III. Parent Responsibility:

A. **Parents will be expected to keep their child home until they have satisfied the following:**

1. **Child's fever has been gone for 24 hours without the aid of medication**
2. **Child has not vomited or had diarrhea for 24 hours**
3. **Child has been on an antibiotic for 24 hours to treat any infections including pink eye and strep throat.**
4. **Parent has obtained a written letter from the child's physician stating they are free of head lice, scabies or shingles.**
5. **Child is no longer contagious, per physician, with Fifth Disease, Croup, Hand, Mouth and Foot Disease or Mononucleosis.**

B. **If child has been hospitalized for anything relating to illness, parent should notify the administrator/teachers so they can determine in other parents need to be notified.**

IV. Confidentiality

A. **New Day will respect the privacy of all of its families. While we need to inform parents of illnesses that are potentially serious or extremely contagious, we will not share names per HIPPA Privacy Regulations.**

We appreciate your cooperation in complying with our health care guidelines. Children who are ill will not be allowed to attend school. Children who become ill during class will be sent home. In all cases, the Preschool reserves the right to send home a child with suspicious or

prolonged symptoms. It will be the responsibility of the teacher or assistant teacher to make a determination based on his/her best judgment. **When a child is absent due to illness, the parent is asked to notify the Preschool by 9:00 in the morning.**

In the event the following occur, we ask you to keep your child at home:

- A temperature of 100 degrees or any fever accompanied by:
 - ✓ A deep cough
 - ✓ Earache or draining ear
 - ✓ Spasms or cough
 - ✓ Sore throat
- A rash of any kind until diagnosed and treated or declared harmless by a physician. Documentation from the physician must accompany the child upon returning to school.
- Early colds (coughing and sneezing), very bad colds with purulent discharge
- Diarrhea and/or vomiting the previous evening or before morning arrival – child needs to be free from vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school without the aid of medicine.
- Red, running or matting eyes
- Bronchitis

We are a school for “healthy” children. A child who is not well does not benefit from our program and can adversely affect the health of our other children. If you have any doubts as to your child’s health, please keep your child home and contact your family doctor.

In the event your child becomes sick while at school, you will be promptly notified. We expect that you will come to the school within 45 minutes to take your child home.

Illness Chart:

Illness	May Return
Chicken Pox	24 hours after lesions have crusted
Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)	24 hours after start of treatment if drainage and excessive tearing have stopped
Croup	After illness has subsided
Diarrhea-Gastro Enteritis	24 hours after LAST loose stool or after 1 normal bowel movement
Rubella	At least 7 days and 24 hours after symptoms end
Hepatitis A	At least 7 days after onset of jaundice
Impetigo	24 hours after antibiotic treatment has started/rash must be covered with band aid
Fever	24 hours after temperature is normal <u>without the aid of medicine</u>
Influenza	24 hours after symptoms have subsided
Measles	At least 4 days after onset of rash
Mumps	14 days after swelling begins

Lice	24 hours after treatment is completed – NO NITS may be present; students head will need to be checked before being allowed back into the classroom unless accompanied by a note from his/her physician
Whooping Cough	At least 7 days after therapy has started
Pin Worms	After treatment is completed
Ring Worm	24 Hours after start of treatment. Infected area must be completely covered with bandage
Bed Bugs	Written note from physician (if due to H-Flu, Health Dept. must give written order)
Roseola	After illness has subsided
Scabies	24 Hours after start of treatment
Strep Throat	48 hours after start of antibiotic treatment
Poison Ivy	After lesions have dried up
Pneumonia or Epiglottis	Written note from physician (if due to H-Flu, Health Dept. must give written order)
Bacterial (Spinal) Meningitis	When Health Dept. gives written OK
Salmonella	When Health Dept. gives written OK

- I acknowledge that I have been informed of the Policies of The New Day Christian Preschool and I agree to adhere to the policies stated above.
- I understand continued disregard for illness policies may result in the disenrollment of my child.

Child's Name

Parent/Guardians Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

***Must return signed statement with your enrollment form. Please note this policy is also located in your Parent Handbook**