



Illness Exclusion Policy

We value your child's health. CDC and Child Care Licensing require that precautions be taken to safeguard the health of all children enrolled. This includes excluding children with symptoms outlined below from attending. Please notify the school when your child is out sick and if a specific **diagnosis is confirmed**. The school will notify families and staff about any illnesses.

An administrator or staff member will ask parents at drop-off how their child is feeling. If a child appears to be sick, it is also the Administrator's responsibility to ask a parent to take the child back home if the child is deemed not well enough to be at school.

Teachers will also conduct health checks on each child during the day, including temperature checks. Admin/staff will question parents about visible scrapes, bruises, etc. KWPC does not employ a school nurse; therefore, any first aid administered or medication given will be done by the child's teacher or administrative personnel.

A child who becomes ill at school will be removed from their classroom and wait in the office until their parents are able to pick them up promptly.

In the event of illness (child or staff) at our center, the following policies and procedures must be followed:

Symptom/Diagnosis	When Child Will Be Sent Home or Excluded	When Child May Return
Fever – No other COVID-19 symptoms	If your child has a temperature of 100.0 or higher.	The child must be fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications. medication before returning to school.
Respiratory Symptoms – No other COVID-19 symptoms	If a child exhibits difficult or rapid, shallow breathing or severe coughing, the child shall be excluded from the program. If the child makes high-pitched croup or barking sounds after he/she coughs, and the child is unable to lie comfortably due to a continuous cough, the child shall be excluded from the program.	When exclusion criteria are resolved or with a doctor's note stating the child is not contagious, the child can cope with the routine activities of the program.
Cold Symptoms Nasal Congestion Sneezing Watery eyes Cough (also see COVID-19 information below)	If accompanied by fever (see fever criteria above)	The child must be fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications. medication before returning to school, or with a doctor's note stating the child is not contagious

Diarrhea	After two occurrences within a 24-hour period	When diarrhea subsides for 24 hours without medication or a doctor's note stating the child is not contagious
Diaper Rash	If sores are oozing and leaking body fluid	When exclusion criteria are resolved
Active Head Lice	When live nits/eggs are present	When exclusion criteria are resolved, and 24 hours after the first treatment

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Hand, Foot & Mouth Syndrome	When spots/bumps/lesions are noticed or present in the following areas: • Hands, feet & mouth • Diaper area • Thigh/legs	The child must be fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications. medication before returning to school. If lesions or spots are still present, the child must have a doctor's note stating when the child is no longer contagious.
Irritability	If irritability cannot be redirected and/or prevents the child from being able to participate comfortably and safely	When a child can participate comfortably in the routine activities of the program.
Itching	If itching is suspected to be caused by any of the following: Scabies, Impetigo, or Ringworm	When exclusion criteria are resolved or with a doctor's note stating the child is not contagious
Appearance or Behavior Changes -Lethargic	If the child looks or acts differently, is lethargic, pale, lacking appetite, confused, irritable, or difficult to awaken, the child should remain at home for further observation. If the child is not able to participate in the daily activities and routine of school, they should remain at home.	When exclusion criteria are resolved
Mouth Sores	When sores cause drooling	When exclusion criteria are resolved, or with a doctor's note stating the child is not contagious.
Eye Discharge -Pink Eye (Conjunctivitis) - Allergies	• Thick mucus or pus from the eyes • When discharge is noticed • Pinkish/red swollen or irritated eyes	When exclusion criteria are resolved, or with a doctor's note stating the child is not contagious and has taken medication for at least 24 hours

Rash – Skin/Scalp	When an unidentified rash is noticed and is accompanied by: • Behavior change • Persistent itching • Fever • Has oozing/open wounds/sores • Child is unable to participate	When exclusion criteria are resolved, or with a doctor's note stating the child is not contagious, and the return date
Chicken Pox	• When lesions are noticed or present	When all lesions are dried and crusted. Typically takes 6+ days, and the doctor's return date
Strep Throat	If the child has a positive strep culture	After at least 24 hours of antibiotic medicine and a note with a return date
Vomiting	After one occurrence within a 24-hour period, gagging/minimal drool/spit-up due to excessive crying/anxiety does not constitute vomiting.	When vomiting subsides for 24 hours without medication and able to participate comfortably in the routine activities of the program.

Children who are sick must be taken home immediately or within one hour of being contacted, as we do not have facilities to care for sick children. If neither parent can be reached, the other persons listed on your enrollment forms will be called. It is especially important that all telephone numbers and information be kept current in case we need to call you.

Your child's exclusion and readmission to the program are subject to review by their receiving classroom staff and/or a Director. If your child has a chronic illness or disability, please discuss a plan for reasonable admission/exclusion criteria with the Director.

COVID-19 Policies

Symptom/Diagnosis	When Child/Staff will be sent home/excluded	When Child/Staff may return
Child/Staff exhibiting COVID-19 Symptoms Fever 100.0 Cough Shortness of Breath/Trouble Breathing Chills Muscle or body aches Sore throat Loss of taste or smell Fatigue Headache Congestion or runny nose Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea	If your child has a temperature of 100.0 or higher and/or has two or more symptoms of COVID-19.	If a child is showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19 or has a temperature of 100.0 degrees or above, they must stay home. Children and staff with fever or other COVID-19 symptoms are required to stay home until they are free of these symptoms or fever, without the use of medication, for 24 hours, or they provide a doctor's note clearing them for return. Children presenting with two or more symptoms of COVID-19 will be required to get a doctor's note clearing them or a negative COVID-19 test before returning to school.

Child/Parent/Staff is a confirmed positive for COVID-19	Protocols that include – No entry Notification of illness to parents/staff. Complete sanitation of the classroom. Call health officials. Follow CDC recommendations for the center's next steps. If parents test positive, their Unvaccinated children need to remain quarantined for 14 days after their last exposure to a positive parent before they are allowed back to school.	In the case of a confirmed positive COVID-19 test, an individual may return after: • 10 days since symptoms first appeared and • 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and • Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving (loss of taste and smell may continue beyond the contagious period)
Child/Staff has had close contact with a confirmed positive COVID-19 case	When an unvaccinated child or staff member has had close contact with a positive COVID-19 Case. Close contact is defined as within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.	An unvaccinated individual who has had close contact with someone who has (suspected or confirmed) COVID-19 should stay home for 14 days after their last exposure to that person. Individuals who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 do not need to quarantine.