



Illness and Potential Health Risk Policy

What if my child is sick?

Provincial Early Learning & Child Care Licensing Regulations state that a child cannot attend the program when they;

- are vomiting, have a fever, diarrhea or a new or unexplained, rash or cough
- have a communicable disease or infection
- require greater care and attention than can be provided without compromising the care of the other children in the program

Children who have been ill may return to the program when;

- The stage of contagiousness for the specific communicable disease has passed
 - When the program is satisfied that the child no longer poses a health risk to others
 - They are well enough to participate in usual daily activities
- And/or
- They have been under a doctor's care and the doctor has given permission for them to return to the program

If your child becomes ill while at the Centre, we will contact you or you and arrangements will be made for you to pick up your child. Unwell children will be cared for in a quiet space, away from the rest of the group while waiting for their parent to arrive.

Managing Illness Outbreaks

The Centre's aim is to provide the healthiest environment possible for your child. Handwashing is the most important way we can reduce the spread of illness. Educators and children wash their hands: when they arrive at the Centre, after coming in from outdoors, after using the toilet or changing a diaper, before and after mealtimes, after wiping noses, and any other time hands are soiled. Children are guided in proper handwashing procedures.

We also work to reduce the spread of infection by regularly disinfecting materials, equipment and play spaces. Objects mouthed by children are removed from play immediately and washed at the end of the day.

Even with these precautions, illness outbreaks sometimes happen. Alberta Health Services requires the Centre to report any outbreaks of illness at the Centre and to follow their guidance in mitigating spread.