

Tiny Town Child Care Ministries

(A Registered Unlicensed Child DayCare Ministry)

Sick Policy

Daycares can be a breeding ground for germs and getting sick is bound to occur. Tiny Town assures that we will do our part to keep the environment clean and sanitized. We ask that you do your part in following the Sick Policy as follows. If you have any questions concerning this policy and whether your child should attend, please call the office before bring your child.

Your child cannot come to daycare with a fever of 100 or higher, and the child must be fever free for a minimum of **24 hours** before returning to daycare. That means fever free without the aid of a fever reducing substance. Giving your child Tylenol to reduce the fever before arriving to daycare in the morning is **unacceptable** because the fever will reappear once again and the child will be sent home. If you had to give your child medicine the night before then that still means they cannot attend daycare the next morning.

Reasons why the child cannot come to daycare:

- * **Fever:** of 100 or above

- * **Common cold:** will be assessed on an individual basis (Factors of consideration include the development level of your child in congruence with our ability to limit the spread. The younger your child, the more difficult it is to keep the spread of germs down. For example: hand to face contact, mouthing of toys, uncontrolled nasal discharge, uncovered sneezing, and coughing, etc.)

- * **Cold with the thick green/yellow nasal discharge:** signs of infection in body.

- * **Productive cough with green/yellow discharge:** Signs of a chest infection.

- * **Croup:** consult doctor/ **Must** have a note from the doctor stating it is ok to return to daycare. Child must be fever free and symptom free for **24 hours** before returning to daycare.

- * **Strep Throat:** Consult doctor/ **Must** have a note from the doctor. Child must be on antibiotics for **24 hours** **AND** must be fever free for **at least 24 hours** without medication for it.

- * **Flu:** Child must be fever free according to rules, also feeling better, and able to participate in class activities.

- * **Bronchitis/Pneumonia:** Consult doctor/ **Must** have a note from the doctor stating it is ok to return to daycare. This usually takes about **2-3 days** before child can come back to daycare. Must be on antibiotics **AND** no fever for **at least 24 hours** without taking fever reducing medication.

- * **Persistent Diarrhea:** All symptoms must be gone for **24 hours** before returning to daycare.

- * **Vomiting:** All symptoms must be gone for **24 hours** before returning to daycare.

* **Ringworm:** Consult doctor/ **Must** have a note from doctor to return to daycare. Usually **24 hours** after treatment has been started. No swimming or close contact activities that will expose others until 72 hours after treatment had begun.

* **Chicken Pox:** Must be scabbed over before returning to daycare. **No oozing sores.**

* **Hand Foot Mouth Disease:** Must be scabbed over before returning to daycare.

* **Mumps:** Consult doctor/ **Must** have a note from doctor stating it is ok to return to daycare. This usually takes about **9 days** after swelling occurs. Must also be fever free for **at least 24 hours** without taking fever reducing medication.

* **Conjunctivitis (red eyes with yellow discharge) /Pink Eye:** Consult doctor/ **Must** have a note from the doctor stating it is ok to return to daycare. Child must be on eye drops/antibiotics for **at least 24 hours** before returning to daycare.

* **Head Lice:** This is **NOT** a cleanliness problem. Treat head and house (*child's personal belongings, bedding, room, car, furniture, etc.*). Shampoo and spray can be purchased over the counter. All nits (*lice eggs*) must be removed (*hand pick from the shaft of hair for nit combs will not remove them all*). We will do a recheck upon child's return. Should nits be found the child will **NOT** be permitted to stay.

These are "**examples**" of the most common contagious illnesses of when your child needs to stay out of daycare. Each individual case is different and may require more or less time out and may require a doctor's note to return stating that the child is totally well and non-contagious. ****If you feel your child is sick with a contagious illness, please verify with a doctor that your child is clear to come to daycare before coming in. When caring for an ill child, the ability to provide high quality care to all of the other children is jeopardize****

* In the event that a child becomes sick while here, the family will be notified and will need to make arrangements for pick up.

* If your child is unable to play outdoors, and/or unable to participate in regular daily activities, alternative arrangements for care must be made unless otherwise noted by Tiny Town Director.

* For the protection of all of the children/staff at Tiny Town as well as the health of your own child, we ask you to follow the sick policy.

If a child continually attends the daycare sick and the parents do not abide by the daycare sick policies, then daycare will be evaluated for termination.

This certifies that I, the undersigned Parent/Guardian, am aware of the above Sick Policy and will hereby adhere to it accordingly.

Parent or Guardian

Date