

Illness Policy (Updated 8.9.24)

In order to maintain a healthy environment, we ask that you not bring your child to school if they are showing signs of **ANY** illness. UPON the arrival of your child, we will conduct a quick daily health check. This includes temperature checks **upon arrival and diaper checks.**

If your child becomes ill **during daycare hours**, you will be contacted immediately and requested to pick them up.

You will be contacted if your child shows ANY of the following symptoms:

- A temperature greater than 99.9 degrees (digital)
- Discharge from ears
- Discharge from eyes or red eyes
- Stomachache (**Child complaining of their stomach hurting and needing to lay down**)
- Vomiting or diarrhea that occurs more than once **in 24 hours**
- Any rash or skin lesion that blisters or **looks like it could blister**
- Signs of cold, tiredness, fussiness, sore throat, runny nose, sneezing, or coughing. **Child not acting like their typical self.**

Children must be free of the above symptoms for 48 hrs in order to return to daycare.

If your child is experiencing any cold-like symptoms, even if you believe they are allergies, you must have a doctor note to return to care stating that it is just a cold and that they can return to daycare **with ANY TEMP that is above 99 degrees**. Any contagious virus (i.e. ear infections, strep must have antibiotics and be on it for more than **48 hours** after first dose in order to return) **Please text Lauren prior to drop off if your child has any of the above symptoms so we may assess the situation.**

If I see any of these symptoms after drop off you will be asked to come back and pick up.

Therefore, please have a “back-up plan” on days you are unavailable to come for your child should you be called to do so. When a child is sick, we will call the mother first (or person listed first on the enrollment form); if she cannot be reached, we will then call the father (or person listed secondly). If we cannot reach either parent, we will call the first person on the emergency list and so on.

Children cannot be admitted into **care** with signs of a communicable disease. **Children must be free from a fever of 101+ for at least 48 hours before returning to school. Children that have a fever of 99.9 to under 101 must be fever free for at least 24 hours prior to returning to care.** Please notify us of illness or planned absences, as the teachers often become concerned when a child is absent.

We will notify parents when another child comes down with any symptoms in their class.

Being that The Midwest Playhouse is a small home daycare, there may be occasions where a resident gets sick. Parents will be notified immediately. If we need to close your child's classroom due to illness, you are responsible to seek alternative care and your tuition will not be waived. 6 sick days per year are included in your tuition rate.