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PROJECT BRILLIANCE, LLC ILLNESS / SICK POLICY

Fever: Fevers are common in young children and are often a signal that something is wrong. If your child has a fever of 100.0 F or higher, please keep him or her home. If your child develops a fever of 100.0 F or higher while at the center, you will be called to pick him/her up.

Our policy is that your child must remain free of fever for 24 hours before returning to the center or receiving any services. The 24 hours begins when your child's fever has broken and remains in a normal range.

Diarrhea and Vomiting: Diarrhea due to illness is highly contagious. If your child has diarrhea, please keep him/her home. If your child has 2 or more diarrhea episodes, or any uncontained diarrhea while at the center, you will be called to pick him/her up. Our providers use gloves while changing diapers and use proper hand washing techniques between diaper changes. Please understand that germs from diarrhea can be spread through carpets, toys, swings and direct contact. It is very difficult to keep from spreading these germs to other children.

If your child vomits while at the center, you will be called immediately to pick him/her up. Please keep your child at home until 24 hours after the vomiting has stopped. When children return too soon, there is a much higher rate of recurrence and contagiousness.

Coughs and Colds: Colds are a common occurrence. However, there are some symptoms that warrant keeping a child home. These include, but are not limited to: bad cold with hacking or persistent cough, green or yellow nasal drainage, productive cough with green or yellow phlegm being coughed up. These symptoms may be present with or without a fever.

Rash: A rash may be a sign of many illnesses, such as measles, chicken pox or hand, foot & mouth disease. An external rash may be a sign that something is going on internally. Please do not send your child to the center with a rash until the doctor says it is O.K. to do so.

Chicken Pox: Your child is no longer contagious once all the sores have dried and crusted over.

Impetigo: Kids with this skin disease are no longer contagious after 24 hours of antibiotics.

Scabies: Once treated with a topical insecticide, it's no longer contagious.

Bacterial Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye) and yellow discharge from the eye: Infectious conjunctivitis (Pink Eye) is highly contagious. It is difficult even for a doctor to confirm if etiology is bacteria or viral which would not respond to antibiotics. Please keep your child home if they are experiencing any redness or discharge of the eye. A doctor note stating condition is not contagious will be necessary to come to school with a red eye.



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Strep Throat: Children treated for strep throat with antibiotics can resume services without putting other kids at risk for catching the illness after taking antibiotics for at least 24 hours. It's usually not contagious after 24 hours of antibiotics.

Mouth sores that cause excessive drooling: Wait until your doctor says they're not infectious before returning your child to the center.

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease: Although a common virus, HFMD is highly contagious, and children must remain home until their Doctor gives written permission to return after rashes and sores have healed and have been fever free for 24 hours.

Head Lice: Your child can return to the center after he/she has been thoroughly treated.

Doctor's O.K. You will be asked to keep your child home until we have written permission from your doctor saying your child is well enough to return to the center. Please understand this is for your child's well-being along with the well-being of the healthy children at the center and their families.

Medications If your child goes to the pediatrician and is prescribed medication, please keep your child home until they have completed 24 hours of antibiotic treatment. If your child is to receive antibiotics at the center, please bring in the labeled bottle from the pharmacy and a syringe or other measuring device. We can administer antibiotics and other medications to your child with your written and signed consent.

Immunizations: When it is time to schedule your child's shots, please do so on a Friday or a day when you can be with them for the following 24 hours. If you need any further details, please contact the Project Brilliance Clinical Director and team.

Emergency Contacts: We occasionally have problems with not being able to reach someone when a child is ill or injured. If you need to be notified because of your child's illness or injury, it is imperative that we be able to reach someone. If you or your spouse/significant other are listed as emergency contacts, please make sure one of you can be reached at all times. If there is ever a situation where you know you cannot be reached, for whatever the reason, please make sure the staff has the name and phone number of another individual that can always be reached.

Sick Child Pick-Up: We request that if you are notified of your child's illness or injury, you arrive at the center to pick them up in a timely manner. Any parent/guardian/emergency contact that are called must pick their child up within 45 minutes of time of call or a late pick-up fee will apply. When a child is sick, we must isolate them away from friends and need a dedicated



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therapist to take care of them until they are picked up. **Late pick-up fee is \$50.00 then an additional \$20.00 per hour after that.**

We do understand and empathize with parents when their children are ill. It can be a very difficult, frustrating, and emotionally challenging situation when you are torn between a sick child and other obligations. These policies are designed to be fair to the ill child and their family, as well as our healthy children and their families. Please understand that we love your children and provide the best care possible for them. We are hoping to control the amount of illnesses at the center and to keep everyone healthy and happy. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call and talk to us at any time.

I have read, understand, and agree to this ILLNESS / SICK POLICY:

Printed Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____