



THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE

ILLNESS POLICY

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The symptoms which indicate that a child should stay home and/or receive medical treatment include any of the following:

- FEVER . any temperature over 100.4°; less if the child feels badly or acts %out-of-sorts+
- NOSE DRAINAGE . until thick yellow or green discharge disappears (clear drainage is OK)
- DIARRHEA . more than one episode in a two-hour period
- VOMITING for any reason
- RASH - undiagnosed
- SCABIES AND LICE
- ANY COMMUNICABLE DISEASE (pink eye, strep throat, chickenpox, etc.)

If a child is ill, as judged by a staff member in charge, a parent or parent representative will be contacted and asked to come for the child immediately. The child will be isolated from other children until a parent arrives.

Parents are required to report a communicable disease to the school as soon as it is diagnosed. The school is required to report all communicable diseases to the Grand Traverse Health Department.

WHEN MAY A CHILD RETURN TO SCHOOL?

- When a fever is absent for 24 hours
- When the child has had antibiotics (for appropriate conditions determined by a physician) for 24 hours or more
- When a rash is diagnosed as non-contagious by a physician and a note is provided to document it
- When nasal drainage is clear
- When diarrhea has stopped for 24 hours
- When vomiting has stopped for 24 hours
- If rotavirus / norovirus are diagnosed, children may be contagious for up to 2 weeks after the illness. A note from a physician stating the child is no longer contagious is required before re-entry to school.
- Scabies and lice must be cleared and nits completely gone
- Cuts and wounds must be kept covered until healed. If a wound is actively draining pus, the child must stay home until he is diagnosed and treated by a physician and cleared to return.
- A child with chicken pox may return only when all lesions (rash spots) are completely crusted over and healed.

Dr. Hagerty recommends the following two websites for information about children's illness:

www.aap.org/ American Academy of Pediatrics – Parenting Corner

www.kidshealth.org/parent Kids Health for Parents

Parents may contact Dr. Hagerty with related questions at rvomastekhagerty@gmail.com.