



This is a **well child care**. This means that if your child is not feeling well, for any reason, you will need to find alternate care. Please do not bring your child if he/she has a contagious illness or exhibits any of the following symptoms:

- ☀ Fever of 101.0 degrees or higher.
- ☀ Sore throat or trouble swallowing.
- ☀ Diarrhea (near watery/watery stool)
- ☀ Diarrhea after the 2nd occurrence within the same day requires the child to stay home until 24 hours after the last occurrence.
- ☀ Vomiting requires the child to go home and can return 24 hours after the last occurrence.
- ☀ Head lice, **if treated properly** children may return 24 hours after treatment. I will refuse care if nits or live bugs are found after child returns.
- ☀ Eyes that are red have drainage, crust or swelling, indicating pink eye requires the child to stay home until 24 hours after the prescription eye drops are administered.
- ☀ Drainage of the ears. (An ear infection **can be** contagious with drainage).

- ✿ Nasal discharge that is not clear indicates possible infection. The child may return after symptoms have subsided.
- ✿ Any known or suspected communicable diseases.
- ✿ Coughing that persistently becomes worse or causes vomiting/wheezing.
- ✿ Severe to moderate coughing after the second day will require a doctor's note stating that the child is not contagious and can return to daycare.

In general, if your child is too sick to participate in normal child care activities, then your child is too sick to attend LOCC. If your child becomes ill during the day, you will be phoned at work and asked to pick your child up immediately.

If your child has a common cold (slight cough, sneezing, clear runny nose and/or a temperature below 101.0 degrees) your child may attend child care. However, if your child reaches a point when he/she requires constant attention, will not play, cries continuously and wants to be held constantly, then it is best if your child goes home where they can be more comfortable and attended to by you.

Children who have vomited or have diarrhea need to stay home for 24 hours after the last occurrence. For example: if the last time the child had diarrhea or vomiting was on Monday, the child may return to child care on Wednesday morning. I expect your honesty in this matter due to the fact that if the illness spreads, your child may come down with it a second time. This will result in more missed days at work and/or school for your family.

Any child requiring prescription medication will need to be kept at home for a minimum of 24 hours or until no longer contagious.

Parents will immediately inform the child care provider of any diagnosis of a serious illness or contagious disease of a communicable nature in their family.

All children will be fever free, **without** the aid of fever reducing medications such as Tylenol, Motrin, etc. prior to returning to child care. I reserve the right to refuse care if a child is obviously ill at time of drop off. The child will not be allowed to stay at LOCC until someone else picks them up. It is my responsibility as a quality child care provider to do my best to maintain a sanitary environment for children and infecting them, even for a little while, is not in their best interest.

CARE OF A SICK CHILD AND NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS

When a child becomes ill, I will make the child as comfortable as possible until they are able to go home where they can feel more comfortable.

Parents will be notified immediately and agree to begin making alternate work arrangements or arrangements for alternate child care. If your child is ill, you or an alternate must come immediately. If I cannot reach a parent, I will call the emergency contact listed on the Medical Release form. If I cannot reach either party, fees will begin at the time of the first attempted phone call. Fees are listed below.

Ill children need to be picked up within one hour of my phone call. A parent of an ill child who still remains at LOCC after one hour of parent contact will be billed \$1.00 every minute until the child is picked up by the parent or an authorized substitute. If I cannot reach you or anyone on your list, fees will begin accruing at the time of the first attempted phone call until your child is picked up. I will continue to call every 10 minutes until someone is contacted. I will leave messages each time.

When your child is able to return to child care, if any medication was prescribed (prescription or over-the-counter) please give me WRITTEN instructions on when the medication was last given, when it needs to be given again and the correct dose for your child. I will have a sheet for you to fill out each day the medicine is to be administered. Please do not leave medication anywhere in the child care area. Medication needs to be directly handed to me and placed in a locked box away from the children. Please also inform me if the medication needs to be chilled or room temperature as I have a lock box in the refrigerator if needed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to discuss them with me at any time.