

Our Health Policies

Physicals and Immunizations

Each child **MUST** have physical examination and immunization forms (forms 3040 & 680) completed by a physician licensed by the State of Florida. The forms are required by state law and provide information concerning each child's immunization and physical exam. There are **NO** exceptions on either form #3040 or #680. These forms must be updated by your child's physician per the expiration date on the form.

Illness

A child showing signs of illness must be picked up from the center immediately. Do not bring your child to school if any of the following symptoms are present: unexplained rash or sores, fever(100 degree's), vomiting, diarrhea (one bout), discharge or conjunctivitis in the eye or green or yellow discharge form the nose with in the last 24 hours. This causes needless exposure to the other children and staff. If a child shows any of these symptoms in the night please do not bring him or her the next day.

Please understand, illness is determined based on a variety of criteria, handled on an individual basis at the discretion of the director. For example, diarrhea in the infant room could be caused by new foods, while diarrhea in the preschool area is usually caused by an intestinal upset. You may occasionally receive medical "FYI" forms intended to make you aware of symptoms we have noticed. A medical referral form indicates the necessity to have your child seen by a physician before returning to the center. **If your child has been sent home due to illness they may not return to school the following day without a "return to school" slip signed from a physician SPECIFYING THAT YOUR CHILD IS NOT CONTAGIOUS.**

Remember antibiotics need to be taken for 24 hours before your child returns to the center.

Medications

Medication should be administered in the childcare setting only when it is truly necessary. It is safest and best for children to receive their medicines at home, and, in fact, most medications can be given before and after child care hours. However, when the number of doses or the action of the medication requires administration during child care hours the staff will administer medications brought in the original container, labeled with the child's name, directions for dosage, and an included measuring device. We are required to have two consents for medication administration...Parent and Physician. Please stop into the office if you need additional information or forms. (excluding diaper rash ointment and sunscreen).

Communicable Diseases

Please inform the center immediately if your child has a communicable disease. Other families need to be notified that “a child in our center has...” so they can take the necessary precautions. This is always handled without mentioning the family’s name, just the existing disease, for confidentiality. The Health Department requires us to report certain diseases.

The center checks for head lice periodically. If suspected that your child has head lice, it is DCF policy that the child be removed promptly from the center. ALL nits must be removed before a child can be re-admitted to the center. The process occasionally takes more than one day.

Please sign stating that you understand and will follow our “Health Policies”

Sign: _____ Date: _____