

INFECTION CONTROL AND CRITERIA FOR EXCLUSION OF CHILDREN FROM HARBOR CHILD CARE

- **The child is too ill to participate in program activities-** child exhibits signs of possible, moderate or severe illness including unusual lethargy, irritability, persistent crying, persistent and frequent cough, uncontrolled diarrhea, abdominal pain, decreased appetite, or having a quickly spreading rash, discharge from the nose that is not clear.
- **A child exhibiting a fever of 100.0 degrees or other signs and symptoms (e.g., sore throat, rash, vomiting, diarrhea, breathing difficulty or cough), must be excluded until fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication and 72 hours post Covid infection with clearance from a medical professional. Harbor Child Care takes temporal/tympanic temperatures. (Changed as of 7/1/2020 due to COVID-19)**
- **Diarrhea:** Diapered children whose stool is not contained in the diaper or if the stool frequency exceeds two or more stools above normal for the child. Toilet trained children- loose stool causing soiled pants or clothing, blood or mucous in the stools not explained by dietary change, medication. Confirmed medical diagnoses of Salmonella, E. Coli, or Shigella infection. Excluded until diarrhea has ceased for 24 hours and is cleared by the child's health care provider.
- **Effortful vomiting.** Child will be observed for change in skin color, activity level, loss of appetite, abdominal pain, which may indicate and infectious causative agent. Excluded until vomiting has ceased for 24 hours.
- **Rash:** With fever or behavioral changes, will be excluded until the primary health care provider has determined that the illness is not an infectious disease. Exception: Call EMS (911) for rapidly spreading bruising or small blood spots under the skin.
- **Strep Throat/Scarlet Fever:** Excluded until 24 hours after treatment has been initiated and fever free without the use of medication. Medical clearance is necessary in order to return.
- **Impetigo:** Excluded until 24 hours after treatment has been initiated, lesions are covered and clearance from a healthcare professional.
- **Ringworm:** Excluded until 24hours after treatment has been initiated and clearance from a healthcare professional.
- **Conjunctivitis:** Defined as pink/red conjunctiva with white or yellow discharge, mated eyelids, swelling of the eyelid or surrounding area, eye pain. Excluded until 24 hours after treatment is started and symptoms are no longer present. Medical clearance is necessary in order to return.
- **Mouth Sores:** Associated with the inability of the child to control his/her saliva (drooling), difficulty eating and/or drinking. Excluded until a healthcare professional determines the condition to be non-infectious.
- **Coxsackie Virus:** A red rash on the hands, feet, buttocks, torso, blister-like lesions in the mouth, loss of appetite, irritability. With or without fever. Excluded until rash/lesions are crusted over, fever free and clearance from a healthcare professional.
- **Scabies:** Excluded until 24 hours after treatment has been initiated and clearance from a health care professional.
- **Head Lice:** May return after 24 hours after first treatment provided and the child is combed free of nits and lice.
- **Pneumonia:** Fever, cough, shortness of breath, rapid breathing chest pain. Excluded until fever and symptom free with clearance from a healthcare professional.
- **Failure to comply with the New York State Immunization Laws and yearly medical examinations.**
- **Any child that is sent home or does not attend daycare due to illness MUST return with clearance from a healthcare professional.**

Harbor Child Care will also follow OCFS Key Criteria for exclusion of children who are ill as per the program's Health Care Plan.

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