

## PCHC Illness Policy

Maryland Licensing requires that those children with fevers or communicable diseases are not permitted to attend group care. It is also our belief that children need the quiet, individualized attention of a special adult when they are ill. Thus, children will be observed daily upon arrival for illness symptoms and will not be admitted if they might infect others.

### Communicable Diseases

The following are considered contagious and should be reported to the office: Impetigo, Conjunctivitis, Head Lice, Streptococcus, Hepatitis, HIV/AIDS and Chicken Pox.

To protect your child and other children attending the center, guidelines have been set regarding the exclusion of children from PCHC. Please keep your child home if any of the following criteria apply:

- Fever of 100 degrees or higher for all ages
- Taking antibiotic for less than 24 hours – This is to ensure there will be no allergic reaction
- Your child is displaying symptoms of being sick, such as vomiting, diarrhea, sore throat, thick nasal discharge, red eyes or not behaving as they normally do
- If your child is displaying a rash, keep your child home for 24 hours to determine if it is contagious
- If your child needs more than one nebulizer treatment while in our care

If your child is sent home with fever of 100 degrees or higher, vomiting, or consistent diarrhea, they may not return for 24 hours after these symptoms are gone.