

# Carmel Child Development Center

## 2017/2018 HEALTH POLICY

In the school environment where there are many children, illnesses can be easily transmitted from child to child. While we want children to attend school as consistently as possible, it is extremely important to avoid exposing classmates and staff to infectious illnesses. For some of our students and staff with chronic medical conditions, a common illness can cause serious complications.

Teachers are required to do a brief health inspection of each child daily upon arrival. Children who show signs of illness or infection will not be admitted for the day. Parents must come immediately or make arrangements for the child to be picked up if he/she becomes ill during the day (See back of this form for more on this policy).

### **Please keep your child home if he/she has any of these symptoms:**

- **Fever of 100.0 degrees or above (without the use of fever reducing medication).**
- **Nasal discharge** that is profuse
- **Pink eye** (red inflamed eyes or any eye discharge)
- **Any skin rash**, unless diagnosed as non-infectious by a doctor
- **Sores of any kind**, unless they can be covered with a bandage
- **Diarrhea or vomiting** within a 24-hour period regardless of cause/frequency
- **Head lice** – child may return after treatment, if completely free of lice and nits.
- **The first 24 hours on an ANTIBIOTIC** for any reason
- **Relentless Coughing**

### **All children must be free of these symptoms for at least 24 hours before returning to school.**

If you or your child contracts a **communicable disease** such as *chicken pox, scabies, ringworm, strep throat, pink eye (conjunctivitis), head lice, fifth disease, etc.*, please contact Carmelo as soon as possible, so that other parents may be notified about the exposure.

Thank you and let's stay healthy!!

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When your child is at school, it is the role of the teacher to make the decision whether your child's illness and/or need for care is greater than can be provided without compromising the health and safety of the other children.

**Parents must come immediately or make arrangements for their child to be picked up within one hour after notification if he/she becomes ill, with any of the following symptoms, during the day:**

- **Fever of 100.0 degrees or above (without the use of fever reducing medication).**
- **Nasal discharge** that is profuse
- **Pink eye** (red inflamed eyes or any eye discharge)
- **Any skin rash**, unless diagnosed as non-infectious by a doctor
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Children who are ill may wait in the office until they can be picked up. A comfortable, supervised space will be made available for them. However, we are not licensed or equipped to treat children who are ill. **Child Protective Services may be called if an ill child is left at school for a second time, for more than one hour.**

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