

Tiny Town Childcare Ministries

A Registered Unlicensed Childcare Ministry

Sick Policy

Daycare can be a breeding ground for germs and getting sick is bound to occur. Tiny Town will do their part to keep the environment clean and sanitized. We ask that you do your part in following this Sick Policy as follows. If you have any questions concerning this policy and whether your child should attend, please call the office before bringing your child.

Reasons why the child cannot come to daycare or may be sent home from daycare:

- * **Fever:** of 100 or above; Your child **cannot** come to daycare with a fever of 100 or higher, and **the child must be fever free, without medicine, for a minimum of 24 hours before returning to daycare.** Giving your child Tylenol/Ibuprofen to reduce the fever before arriving to daycare in the morning is ***unacceptable*** because the fever will most likely reappear, and you risk spreading the illness. In this case, the child will be sent home and may be asked to stay home an additional day. **If you had to give your child medicine the night before then that means they cannot attend daycare the next morning.**
- * **Cold or productive cough with the thick green/yellow nasal discharge:** signs of infection in body. Child should not return until nasal discharge returns to light yellow/clear OR obtains a doctor's note stating the child can return.
- * **Croup:** consult doctor/ **Must** have a note from the doctor stating it is ok to return to daycare. Child must be fever free and symptom free for **24 hours** before returning to daycare.
- * **Strep Throat:** Consult doctor/ **Must** have a note from the doctor. Child must be on antibiotics for **24 hours AND** must be fever free for **at least 24 hours** without medication for it.
- * **Influenza A or B:** **Must** have a note from the doctor stating it is ok to return to daycare. Child must be fever free according to rules, also feeling better, and able to participate in class activities.
- * **Covid:** **Must** have a note from the doctor stating it is ok to return to daycare. Child must be fever free according to rules, also feeling better, and able to participate in class activities.
- * **Bronchitis/Pneumonia:** Consult doctor/ **Must** have a note from the doctor stating it is ok to return to daycare. This usually takes about **2-3 days** before the child can come back to daycare. Must be on antibiotics **AND** no fever for **at least 24 hours** without taking fever reducing medication.
- * **Persistent Diarrhea:** If a child has more than one diarrhea diaper/stool within an hour a parent will be notified to pick up. All symptoms must be gone for **24 hours** before returning to daycare.
- * **Vomiting:** All symptoms must be gone for **24 hours** before returning to daycare.

* **Ringworm:** Consult doctor/ **Must** have a note from doctor to return to daycare. Usually, **24 hours** after treatment has been started. No swimming or close contact activities will expose others until 72 hours (about 3 days) after treatment has begun.

* **Chicken Pox:** Must be scabbed over before returning to daycare. **No oozing sores.**

* **Hand Foot Mouth Disease:** Must be scabbed over before returning to daycare or have a doctor's note and **NO FEVER** for at least 24 hours without medication.

* **Conjunctivitis (red eyes with yellow discharge) /Pink Eye:** Consult doctor/ **Must** have a note from the doctor stating it is ok to return to daycare and/or child must be on eye drops/antibiotics for **at least 24 hours** before returning to daycare.

* **Head Lice:** This is **NOT** a cleanliness problem. Treat head and house (*child's personal belongings, bedding, room, car, furniture, etc.*). Shampoo and spray can be purchased over the counter. **All nits (lice eggs) must be removed** (*hand pick from the shaft of hair for nit combs will not remove them all*). We will do a recheck upon the child's return. Should nits be found the child will **NOT** be permitted to stay.

These are "**examples**" of the most common contagious illnesses of when your child needs to stay out of daycare. Each individual case is different and may require more or less time out and may require a doctor's note to return stating that the child is well and non-contagious.

*****If you feel or know your child is sick with a contagious illness, please provide verification from a doctor that your child and any siblings are clear to return to daycare. When caring for an ill child, the ability to provide high quality care to ALL other children is jeopardized*****

* If a child becomes sick while here, the family will be notified and will need to plan for pick up within an **HOURLY**.

* If your child is unable to play outdoors, and/or unable to participate in regular daily activities, alternative arrangements for care must be made unless otherwise noted by Tiny Town Director.

* For the protection of all the children/staff at Tiny Town as well as the health of your own child, we ask you to follow the sick policy.

If a child continually attends the daycare sick and parent/guardians do not abide by the daycare sick policy, then daycare will be evaluated for termination.

This certifies that I, the undersigned Parent/Guardian, am aware of the above Sick Policy and will hereby adhere to it accordingly.

Parent or Guardian

Date