

AISD PEP Child Care Center Wellness Policies and Procedures

‡Illness

Keeping young children healthy is a partnership between parents, child care providers, and the medical provider. The AISD PEP Child Care Center does not provide get-well care. To insure that your child's classroom environment remains as healthy as possible, exclusion of a child exhibiting one or more of the symptoms below is required. A parent/guardian will be requested to pick up their child, if their child becomes ill while at the center. A Suspected Illness or Communicable Disease Exclusion Form will be provided to the individual picking up the child.

If the parent/guardian cannot be reached or unable to pick up their child, the individual(s) listed as an emergency contact, on the Admission Information form, will be called. To insure you can be reached as soon as possible, during an illness or emergency, please periodically review your child's emergency contact information.

Diarrhea (<i>two or more frequent, abnormally loose stools</i>)	Severe coughing (<i>disrupting child's eating, sleeping, & play</i>)
Difficult or rapid breathing	Reddened eyes with drainage
Mouth sores	Sore throat, difficulty swallowing (<i>w/fever</i>)
Fever (<i>100 degrees F or above under arm</i>)	Continuous crying/increased fussiness
Vomiting (<i>two or more occurrences</i>)	Lethargy/fatigue
Dark or discolored urine	Rash/spots/skin irritation
Loss of appetite	Head lice or nits (<i>not an illness</i>)

Exclusion from attendance is required until: the signs or symptoms are completely gone, 24 hours symptom free (fever, vomiting, diarrhea*), and/or a physician's "permission to return to school" statement is provided. Parents may request medical information from the physician, regarding their child, faxed directly to the center director, at AHS/281-585-8007 or MHS/281-245-2049.**

***without aid of fever reducer**

We appreciate your help in keeping your child's classroom environment as healthy as possible.

‡Medication

For the safety of all children attending the center, leave all medication with the director or assistant director. *All* medication administered to children attending AISD PEP Child Care Center must accompany a completed and signed AUTHORIZATION FOR DISPENSING MEDICATION form.

Medication requirements:

- be in original container with a clear expiration date
- labeled with child's full name and date
- clear administration instructions on label
- physician's name (if applicable)

Parents please note:

- Medications containing fever reducers will not be administered without physician's written approval and instructions
- Over-the-counter medication will be administered according to age and dosage guidelines. *Any* variation *must* accompany physician's written instructions.
- "First time, First dose" medications must be administered by the parent

Please do not allow unauthorized medications, including cough drops, teething gel, Tylenol, vitamins, etc., to be taken into the classroom. Do not leave these items in your child's bag.