



ILLNESS POLICY:

In general, a child with a mild illness such as a cold, running nose, cough or a treated ear infection may remain in child care if the child is well enough to participate in the daily activities and if the child does not require one to one care.

Sharing & Caring Daycare believes in open and honest communication between the parents and staff with regards to any health issues of the individual child and health concerns of the group setting. All staff is properly trained in CPR and Connecticut Child Care First Aid. A nurse consultant will visit Sharing & Caring Daycare weekly to maintain and review all health records, her weekly visits allow Sharing & Caring Daycare an opportunity to use her expertise to address any areas of concern, issues of health or safety and to educate the staff regarding specific needs. In addition she is available for consultation at any time.

There are times we ask a child to stay home or will be sent home if any of the following:

- A child with a temperature of 101 or higher.
- A child has a serious or contagious illness and or infection
- Diarrhea – A child experiencing two frequent stools.
- Unidentifiable rash.
- Excessive crankiness or irritability.
- Head lice or eggs

Any child who is ill at Sharing & Caring Daycare will be separated from the group setting and stay with a staff member in an isolation area until the child can safely leave the daycare. We ask that you pick up your child promptly. If there is any reason we cannot make contact with the parents, we will make contact with the emergency contacts as listed on the registration form so

that a timely departure can be assured for the best interest of the child and the group. **In order for a child to return he/she should be fever free for 24 hours.**

Please remember that the childcare setting serves the needs of children within a group setting. The health of all the children depends upon the cooperation of all parents with regards to the sick policy.

The following is a list of illnesses that require treatment. Any child having any of these illnesses will not be allowed back to the daycare until treatment is given and/or a release is provided by the child's pediatrician stating he/she is safe/able to return to the daycare. If the following illnesses are detected at Sharing & Caring Daycare the child will be sent home.

- Chicken Pox – The child must remain out while actively developing blisters. The child may returned after all pox have crusted over (usually 7 days)
- Impetigo – The child may return 24 hours after treatment has begun
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye) – The child may return 24 hours after treatment has begun
- Head Lice – The child may return once lice free
- Strep Throat/Scarlet Fever – The child may return 24 hours after antibiotics have begun and is fever free
- Hand/Foot/Mouth Disease – A child with signs or symptoms indicative of the disease must remain out of the daycare during the active “blister” phase
- Undiagnosed Rash – A child may return once seen by his/her pediatrician with a release.