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|  |  | Common illness protocol |  |  |  |
| Illness | Contagious | Days out | To post | Exclusion | Page/ Notes |
| Cellulitis/ MRSA | when open | Until resolved | no | yes | Doctor’s note to return  |
| Chickenpox | 14-16 days |  | yes | yes | Blisters are dry and crusted over  |
| Vomiting | unknown | 1 school day after symptoms end | no | yes |  |
| Diarrhea  | possible | 1 school day after symptoms end | no (unless widespread) | yes | only if more than 2 in 1 hour |
| Fever | possible | 1 school days after fever breaks | no | yes | 100.4 or higher |
| Fifth Disease  | 4-14 days |  fever free for 1 school day without fever reducing meds.  | no | no | May attend after rash appears  |
| Hand Foot and Mouth  | 3 to 6 days |  fever free for 2 school days without fever reducing meds.  | yes | no | Child must be comfortable and able to participate  |
| Influenza | 1-4 days |  fever free for 1 school day without fever reducing meds.  | yes | yes | Doctor's note to return and be fever free for 1 full school days |
| Lice  | 7-12 days | until no eggs/ no lice | yes | yes | all belongs in classroom sent home |
| Pinkeye (Conjunctivitis) | needs med | Doctors note | yes | yes | Doctor’s note to return |
| Pneumonia | vary | Doctors note | no | no | Doctor's note to return  |
| RSV | 2-8 or 4-6 |  fever free for 2 school days without fever reducing meds. | yes | no | Doctor's note to return |
| Ringworm | 1-3 weeks | may return after meds have been started and affected area is covered  | no | no\* | Doctor's note to return  |
| Roseola | 9-10 days |  fever free for 1 school days without fever reducing meds. | no | no | Doctor's note to return  |
| Strep throat | 2-5 days | 24 hours after starting medication | no | yes | Doctor's note to return  |
| Common Cold  | 2-14 days | If child cannot participate in normal activities | No | No |   |
| Whooping Cough  | 5-21 days | Docs note | Yes | Yes | Doctor note to return  |
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**Symptoms of illness**

-**Children (and siblings) will be sent home if they are experiencing any of the following symptoms:**

 -Fever of 101 degrees or greater

 -Diarrhea or vomiting

 -Fever of 100.4 or above if child is experiencing any of the following symptoms as well:

 -runny nose

 -persistent cough/wheezing

 -inconsolable/unable to participate in classrooms activities

 -diarrhea/vomiting

 -excessive congestion/lethargy

-A rash that is consistent with hand, foot, and mouth (HFM) (red bumps around the mouth, on bottoms of feet, palms of hands ect.)-if positive for HFM, child may return when the rash is healing and scabbing over and fever free for 24 hours.

-Sore throat (if positive for strep, child may return after they are fever free and have been on medication for 24 hours)

**Prescription medication**

Requires parental consent and will be stored in the office in a locked box. All prescription medication must be kept in the original container with the original prescription label. All unused medication will be given back to parent. Students cannot receive the first does of medication at childcare.

**Non- prescription medication**

Requires parental consent. Medication will be used as directed by the child’s doctor and by the directions listed on the bottle/ box. Unused medication will be handed back to the parent to be discarded. Students cannot receive the first does of medication at childcare. If a doctor prescribes a medication that is being used for a different reason other than it’s intended purpose, a doctor’s note will be required.

**Early Beginnings follows all state regulations as listed. It is our responsibility to ensure that all students and staff are healthy and safe. The state regulations are a minimum guideline. The state encourages centers to develop and maintain higher standards then listed. We reserve the right to adjust these policies as we see fit to counteract any outbreaks of illnesses.**