



Illness Policy

Curious Minds follows the guidance in the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment's "Communicable Disease How sick is too sick? Public guidance document." (Attached to this policy)

Keep your child home if they have any of the following symptoms:

- Vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours.
- A fever of 100.4 degrees or more in the last 24 hours.
- Excessive coughing or nasal discharge.
- Draining sore or rash.
- Strep throat that has not been treated for 24 hours with antibiotics.
- Untreated head lice or scabies.
- Red itchy matter in eyes that has not been treated with antibiotics for 24 hours.
- Symptoms of a possible communicable disease (these usually include sniffles, reddened eyes, sore throat, headache, and abdominal pain with fever).

If your child is sent to school with the above conditions, we will call you to come pick him or her up. For the well-being of your child and the other children in our care, we encourage you to respond as quickly as possible. Until your child is picked up, he or she will rest comfortably in a designated area with a teacher or other Curious Minds staff, away from other children and/or new people entering the facility.

Please note, if your child is too sick to go outside, your child is too sick to be at school. Also, if your child is sick enough that he or she needs a parent's care, please provide him or her with that care.

Notify us immediately if your child has been diagnosed with a communicable disease.

State licensing requires that **all medication must have a doctor's order, an up-to-date prescription label with the child's name, and must be in the original marked**

container. Parents must also sign a medication **permission** form. Teachers are only allowed to give over-the-counter medicines (e.g., acetaminophen and cough syrups) to children if prescribed by a doctor. A doctor's signature must be on all forms. If not, parents may come in during the day to give their child the medication.

In the event a child is injured while attending the Curious Minds, first aid is immediately administered. The staff and director will take appropriate steps to ensure the health and safety of the injured child. If it is necessary to call 911, your child will be transported to the closest appropriate facility.

We will keep children and staff inside if any air quality alerts are in effect according to the National Weather Service.