



*Community Children's Center*

**COVID HEALTH CARE POLICIES**

In our effort to protect all children from contagious illnesses, the Community Children's Center has developed the following health care policies.

If your child has any of the following symptoms, we will contact you to pick up your child from the center (within 1-1.5 hours) both to prevent contagion of the other children, and to provide comfort to your child. Your child and any siblings who are enrolled in a Horizons Center must be kept home for a minimum of **24 hours\*** (**WITHOUT SYMPTOMS**) and your child must be free from fever, vomiting, and diarrhea for **72 hours** (without fever reducing medication) prior to returning to school; \* In case of contagious illness (or suspected contagious illness) a doctor's note **stating that the child's condition is not contagious** will be required before your child can return to school. The Community Children's Center understands that it is difficult for a parent/guardian to leave or miss work, therefore it is suggested that alternative arrangements be made.

- A fever, your child has a temperature of 99 F (37.2 C) or higher
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea or loose stool
- Any suspicious rash
- Any contagious illness
- Any illness that requires individual care greater than staff can provide without compromising the health and safety of other children
- Any illness accompanied by open, oozing bacterial infections
- Any open or oozing sores, bloody gums, and/or bloody feces
- Cough
- Sneezing
- Severe runny nose

When returning your child to the Community Children's Center after an illness, please remember:

- Any child prescribed an antibiotic must take it for 24 hours before returning to school;
- Any contagious illness (such as conjunctivitis) requires a doctor's statement that the child is not contagious prior to returning to school;
- A child must be able to participate in all activities upon returning (including outdoor times)
- A child must be free of any open, oozing skin conditions unless: accompanied by doctor's note stating that the child's condition is not contagious or the involved areas can be covered without seepage or drainage through the bandage.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_