

XYLC Illness Policy

These policies were created following the Montana state childcare licensing regulations, CDC guidelines, and to protect all children and staff members while attending XY Learning Center.

Abnormal Behavioral Changes and Excessive Fussiness

When to send home: When the child is uncontrollable crying and inconsolable for over two hours, if the child is unwilling to participate in activities due to being extremely lethargic and upset

When to return: As soon as they're feeling better and able to participate in daily activities

Cough

When to send home: When the child has a bark like cough and/or is coughing excessively throughout the day which causes concern for teachers, also includes if they're coughing so hard they're gagging themselves

When they can return: When the cough is cleared by doctors to be non contagious and safe for the children to run and play at school

Bronchitis: 5 days after initial symptoms appear the child can return

Croup: Three days after fever breaks

Whooping cough: Antibiotics used for at least five days before return to center

Breathing Issues

When to send home: When the child is struggling to breathe or wheezing

When they can return: When the child has been cleared by a doctor to return

Asthma: We ask you bring in a doctor's note and an inhaler we can use at school if this is a recurring issue (Please make sure to fill out a medication administration form)

RSV: We require children with RSV to stay home for 8 days as the CDC claims this is when individuals are contagious

Pneumonia: Child can return when they have been on antibiotics and fever has been broken for two days

Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)

When to send home: When the eye of a child is draining pus like substances from the eye and the white of the child's eye is red or pink

When they can return: 24 hours after beginning treatment (eye drops) and with doctor's note saying they are no longer contagious

Diarrhea

When to send home: When child has two diarrhea episodes at school within the day

When they can return: No diarrhea for 24 hours, or cleared by doctor with note to prove it is a food allergy issue causing the diarrhea

Ear Infection

When to send home: When the child is abnormally fussy and pulling at a given ear, when temperature is taken one ear is 2 degrees hotter than the other

When they can return: 24 hours after beginning antibiotics (prescribed ear drops)

Fever 100.4 or above

When to send home: If fever reaches 100.4 or higher

When they can return: When fever has been cleared for 24 without the assistance of tylenol, ibuprofen, or other fever reducing medications

Flu (Influenza)

When to send home: When child is experiencing fever, cough, or abnormally lethargic behaviors

When they can return: Per CDC recommendations we ask you keep children home for 5 days after their symptoms begin, the CDC claims children are contagious for 5 days after beginning symptoms

Lice/ Bed Bugs

When to send home: When nits or eggs are detected in a child

When they can return: When all nits and eggs are completely gone and treatment has been completed

Rash

When to send home: When rash appears on body that is increasing in size or concerning (not diaper rash, eczema, known skin irritation)

When they can return: Doctors note mentioning that they are cleared and not contagious to teacher or other children

Other rashes that require extra attention:

Hand Foot Mouth: We do not allow a return to center until all sores are completely healed

Chicken Pox: We do not allow a return to center until all sores are completely healed

Shots of Vaccinations

We ask you monitor your child after receiving shots or vaccines, looking for fevers and adverse reactions, if you have an appointment before school or pick up your child from school to receive a vaccine/shot we ask you keep them home for the remainder of the day, if they receive the shot after school, monitor for reactions, but can return the following day as usual

Sinusitis

When to send home: When children have continuous green sinus drainage (boogers)

When to return: When the green drainage stops or with a doctor's note claiming it is not contagious

Strep

When to send home: When child is complaining of severe pain in their throat, fever is detected, or see white spots on back of throat

When to return: 24 hours after beginning antibiotics and with a doctor's note

Vomiting

When to send home: Vomit once at school

When they can return: No vomiting for 24 hours