



Wondertree Kids: Stay Healthy Policy

As children grow socially, so do their hygiene and self-care efforts; However, to maintain a safe environment for the children in our program, we insist that the child and parent/caregiver stay home while they are sick. We strive to limit the spread of communicable disease in our center and are committed to implementing policies that balance and respect the needs of children, families, and staff in these circumstances. Symptoms that warrant participants staying home include the following:

- Illness that poses a risk of spread of harmful disease to others
- Severely ill appearance
- Fever of 100 degrees or above (axillary); 101 or above (orally) or an equivalent measure accompanied by behavior change or other signs and symptoms.
- Fever of 104°F or greater in a child of any age (requires immediate medical attention)
- Diarrhea; watery stools or decreased form of stool not associated with change of diet; stool not contained in the diaper; child unable to reach the toilet; or stool frequency that exceeds 2 or more stools above normal for that child.
- Vomiting more than 2 times in the previous 24 hours (unless the vomiting is determined to be caused by a non-communicable condition and the child is not in danger of dehydration).
- Purulent conjunctivitis (defined as pink or red conjunctiva with white or yellow eye discharge) until on antibiotics for 24 hours.
- Strep throat (or other streptococcal infection) until 24 hours after treatment has been started.
- Head lice or nits until after first treatment.
- Any child determined by the local health department to be contributing to the transmission of illness during an outbreak.

Again, should your child be sick, please call the night before class or before **8:00 am** on the day of your class. The final decision on whether to exclude a participant from the program due to illness will be made by the Wondertree Kids Staff after speaking with the parent. We ask for your cooperation and support so that we can keep all participants, staff and teachers healthy.