



## Guidelines on Child's Exclusion Due to Illness (COVID-19 Update)

Jubilee JumpStart requests that families keep sick children at home to recover. It is for the benefit of all children, staff, and families that Jubilee JumpStart controls the spread of infections and we appreciate families following our strict guidelines. During the COVID-19 pandemic:

- A temperature and health screening will be completed at arrival. Staff and children experiencing any symptoms of illness will not be allowed into the center.
- Staff and children experiencing excludable illness must stay home and follow proper protocol to report their absence.
- In the event that a child becomes ill, a parent/guardian will be contacted immediately to arrange pickup. Children must be picked up within **1.5 hours** of the initial contact. While awaiting pickup, children will be isolated away from other children. Fever reducers **may not** be given to allow a child to remain in the center.
- A staff member that become sick during the work day shall report the illness to their supervisor and follow the guidance for exclusion.

### COVID-19 Addendum

Children and staff **MUST stay home, or not be admitted**, if the child, staff member, or *any* member of their household has **any** of the following symptoms:

- Temperature of 100.4° F or higher
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Nasal congestion
- Runny Nose
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Loss of sense of taste or smell
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Flu-like symptoms such as headache, fatigue, chills, muscle aches
- Or any other symptom of not feeling well

### Exclusion

Children and staff must stay home, or not be admitted, if:

- The child or staff member has had a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, or any of the symptoms listed above.
- Any member of their household is confirmed to have COVID-19.
- Any member of their household is awaiting COVID-19 test results.

When excluded a child or staff member may not return to child care:

- For a minimum of 10 working days after symptoms first appeared.
- And at least 72 hours after the fever has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medication (e.g., Motrin, Tylenol) and respiratory symptoms have improved.
- Clearance from their health care provider that symptoms are not due to COVID-19. Must meet exclusion criteria outlined in "All Other Illnesses".
- A negative COVID-19 test, fever free, and able to fully participate in all school activities.

If any child or staff member has been in close contact with a person who is positive for COVID-19, then the child or staff member must not enter the facility until cleared by their healthcare provider, or have completed the 14 day quarantine period without becoming symptomatic or diagnosed with COVID-19.

If any child or staff member has been in close contact with a person who is awaiting a COVID-19 test result, then the child or staff member must not enter the facility until the close contact tests negative. If the close contact tests positive, then they should seek guidance from their healthcare provider or DC Health.



### **All Other Illness**

The following criteria must be met for a child to return after exclusion ***if confirmed by a medical professional that the illness is not due to COVID-19:***

- Free of fever for **24 hours** if confirmed fever is not due to COVID-19. (example: fever due to ear infection)
- Free from vomiting and/or diarrhea for **24 hours** from the last episode.
- When treated with an antibiotic, children may return to care **24 hours** after the first dose of the medication.
- In the case of suspected contagious illness or continuing symptoms clearance from a physician is required.
- The child must be able to fully participate in all program activities, including outdoor time.

In addition to the symptoms listed in the COVID-19 Addendum, staff and children with any of the following symptoms will require exclusion from the child care setting. The following list is not inclusive of all reasons for exclusion.

**Rash:** An undiagnosed, unexplained rash or rash that appears suddenly. Child will be excluded and asked to seek medical attention to determine the cause.

**Eye discharge or conjunctivitis (pinkeye):** Inflammation of the mucous membrane that covers the eyeball and the inside of the eyelids. Symptoms are usually a very red eye with yellow or green discharge, sensitivity to light, and itchiness or a sensation of sand in the eye. A doctor's diagnosis is needed for return to the center. A child may return to the center 24 hours after treatment is started.

**Open and/or oozing sores:** When there is an unknown cause, a child may be excluded and asked to seek medical attention. All open/oozing sores must be kept properly covered. If antibiotics are necessary, the child may return to the center 24 hours after the first dose has been given.

**Head Lice:** Head lice are tiny insects that live only on human scalp and hair. Nits may be found throughout the hair, but are most often located on the back of the neck, behind the ears. Children with head lice should be excluded and may return 24 hours after their first treatment and all nits are removed. Head checks are recommended for 10-14 days to ensure there are no new hatching of nits.

**Mouth Sores:** Sores in the mouth are associated with a number of childhood illnesses, including thrush and the Coxsackie virus (Hand, Foot & Mouth Disease). You may be asked to have your child seen by a physician and provide a note indicating that the child may return to child care.

Children who appear ill, not feeling well, and are not able to keep up with program activities may be excluded. Though children may not yet run a fever or display specific symptoms, they may be in the early stages of an illness that is making them uncomfortable and unable to participate in the daily program.

***The decision to exclude a child from the program is at the discretion of the administration. Jubilee JumpStart reserves the right to exclude ill children from care when the illness poses a significant risk to other children and staff and/or the care of a sick child interferes with the care of the other children.***

### **Communicable Diseases**

When an enrolled child or employee has a suspected reportable disease, it is our legal responsibility to notify the Department of Health. We will ensure that families are notified of exposure so children can receive preventative treatments if necessary. As previously mentioned such outbreaks require unimmunized or under immunized children to be excluded from attending. Reportable illnesses include:

- Bacterial Meningitis
- Botulism
- Chicken Pox
- COVID-19
- Diphtheria
- Heamophilus influenza
- Measles
- Meningococcal Infection
- Poliomyelitis



- Rabies
- Rubella
- Mumps
- Tetnus
- H1N1 Virus
- Tuberculosis

I understand and acknowledge the above illness and exclusion policy.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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