

Little Peoples Academy Sick Policy

We follow the advice of Eastern Idaho Public Health Department in preventing children with certain symptoms of communicable diseases from attending daycare. If your child has any of these symptoms, please keep them home or make appropriate arrangements for their care.

Diarrhea – 3 or more watery stools in a 24-hour period, especially if the child looks ill.

Vomiting – 2 or more times in the last 24 hours.

Rash – body rash, especially with fever or itching. Diaper rashes, heat rashes and allergic reactions are not contagious.

Sore throat – especially with a fever or swollen glands in the neck.

Eyes – Thick mucus or pus draining from the eye or Conjunctivitis, commonly known as pink eye, requires medical attention. The appropriate treatment depends on the cause of the problem.

Appearance or behavior – unusually tired, lack of appetite, difficult to wake, confused or irritable. This is sufficient reason to keep a child out of childcare.

Lice or scabies – children must not return to childcare until they are free of lice and nits (eggs). Children with scabies can be admitted after treatment.

Fever – temperature of 101 F (taken orally) or higher and sore throat, rash, vomiting, diarrhea, earache, or confusion. Fever by itself is usually not sufficient reason to keep a child out of childcare.

Sneezing, coughing, watery eyes, runny nose, greenish-yellow mucus – We recognize that some symptoms caused by doctor-diagnosed allergies are similar to the common cold and would not be reason to keep your child home, but need to be treated to prevent the spread of germs and provide relief from discomfort for your child.

While we regret any inconvenience this may cause, we need to enforce this policy to protect all the children in our care and our staff from unnecessary exposure to communicable disease. If you have questions, please ask. Our management team reserves the right to make the final decision.

**If your child becomes ill while in our care,
you will be notified and asked to pick them up immediately.
A doctor's release may be required to return to the center.**