

### ScuttleBugs' Illness Policy

Certain symptoms in children may suggest the presence of a communicable disease. Therefore, to best protect the children in our care, those who have the following symptoms are required to be excluded from our program until they are symptom free for more than 24 hours without the use of medication. Should a child fall ill while at the center, he/she must be picked up from the center within 30 minutes.

If your child develops...	...then keep him/her home until:
<b>Fever</b> – A temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, before fever reducing medication is given	The fever is normal for 24 hours plus through the end of the following day, without fever reducing medication
<b>Respiratory Symptoms</b> – Difficult or rapid breathing or severe coughing that is constant and prevents the child from participating in activities	Coughing, breathing difficulties and/or other symptoms no longer affect normal activity, without medication
<b>Vomiting</b> – Vomiting for reasons other than benign ones, such as intense crying or excessive coughing	Vomiting no longer occurs for 24 hours plus through the end of the following day, without medication
<b>Diarrhea</b> – 3 or more abnormally loose stools in a 24 hours period. Observe child for other symptoms	Stools are no longer loose for 24 hours plus through the end of the following day, without medication
<b>Rash or Skin Problems</b> – Undiagnosed skin issues that are more than slight irritation or that disappears quickly	Rash disappears or has a specific diagnosis which is not contagious. <b>Impetigo</b> – 24 hours after treatment begins AND lesions are dry or can be kept covered by bandages <b>Scabies</b> – 24 hours after treatment begins <b>Chicken Pox</b> – until blisters have completely dried into scabs <b>Thrush</b> – 24 hours after treatment begins
<b>Conjunctivitis (Pinkeye)</b> – Redness of eyelid lining and/or eye, irritation, discharge, crusting on eyelashes	24 hours after consecutive prescribed antibiotic treatment begins
<b>Head Lice</b>	First treatment is completed, no live lice are seen and ALL nits (eggs) are removed
<b>Strep Throat/Scarlet Fever</b>	24 hours after treatment begins AND child is without fever for 24 hours plus through the end of the following day
<b>General Lethargy</b> – When a child cannot remain awake outside of rest time, is not able to participate in activities with reasonable comfort and requires more care than the program staff can provide without compromising the health and safety of other children	Condition improves and he/she can fully participate in the daily activities and routines

I acknowledge ScuttleBugs' Illness Policy and agree to adhere to it.

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

