

ScuttleBugs' Immunization and 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. Upon center management's prior approval, a doctor's release may allow the child's return to the center in less than 24 hours. If approval is granted, the doctor's release must be in writing, state that the physician has visually examined the child, and state that the child is not contagious. Note that should a child fall ill while at the center, he/she must be picked up from the center as soon as possible and within 30-60 minutes. ScuttleBugs does not enroll unvaccinated children.

If your child develops...	...then keep him/her home until:
Fever – Before fever reducing medication is given: 1. a temperature of 101°F or higher with no other symptoms listed on this document or 2. A temperature of 100°F or higher with any accompanying symptom	A temperature falls within a normal range for 24 hours plus through the end of the following day, without fever reducing medication
Respiratory Symptoms –Labored 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
Vomiting – Vomiting for reasons other than explicable 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
Diarrhea – 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
Rash or Skin Problems – Undiagnosed skin issues that are more than slight irritation or that does not disappear quickly	Rash disappears or is diagnosed as not contagious. Impetigo – 24 hours after treatment begins AND lesions are dry and healing or can be covered by bandages Scabies – 24 hours after treatment begins Chicken Pox – until blisters have dried into scabs and are healing over, about 6-10 days after onset Thrush —24 hours after treatment begins Hand Foot & Mouth - 24 hours medication free and blisters/open sores are completely dry and healing over
Conjunctivitis (Pinkeye) – Redness of eyelid lining and/or eye, irritation, discharge, crusting on eyelashes	24 hours after consecutive prescribed antibiotic treatment begins
Nits and Head Lice	First treatment is completed, no live lice are seen and ALL nits (eggs) are removed
Strep Throat/Scarlet Fever	24 hours after treatment begins AND child is without fever for 24 hours plus through the end of the following day
General Lethargy – When a child cannot remain awake outside of rest time, is not able to participate in activities with reasonable comfort, and/or 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 _____

