

## Covenant Children's Center Health Policies

**COLDS:** Children should stay home as long as they have sneezing, coughing, eye watering, profuse nasal dripping and irritability.

**FEVER:** Following any infection associated with fever over 100° F oral and 100.5° F rectal, a child must remain at home until s/he has been without fever for at least 24 hours (Tylenol free). However, it is important to note that even though the child may not be infectious, children often do not feel well enough to return to school after the 24-hour period. The child's physical vigor should be taken in consideration.

**VOMITING AND DIARRHEA:** Children who have been suffering from vomiting or diarrhea must stay home 24 hours without symptoms. A child needs a period of time to regain strength before returning to school.

**CONJUNCTIVITIS (Pink Eye):** Once antibiotic treatment has started, bacterial conjunctivitis is not generally communicable. There is, however, a second type of conjunctivitis associated with a viral infection in epidemic form that is highly contagious for several days. Children may return to school when symptoms have disappeared.

**STREP THROAT:** 48 hours after antibiotic treatment has started, the child is no longer considered communicable. However, it is important to note that even though the child may not be infectious, children often do not feel well enough to return to school after the 48-hour period.

**VIRAL INFECTIONS:** Children must stay home as long as the symptoms persist.

**CONTAGIOUS DISEASE:** Children must stay home with mumps, chicken pox, measles, roseola, head lice, impetigo, etc.

**EAR INFECTION:** Children must stay home with fever, discharge from ears, and/or irritability.

**DPT IMMUNIZATIONS:** A child must stay home the first 24 hours after DPT shots at 2, 4, and 6 months, or the first 3 DPT shots and a child must stay home the 24 hour period if the fourth shot is a DPT at 5 years and younger.

I will not bring my child to CCC feeling ill. I recognize the signs of my child feeling ill such as: waking up many times during the night, and/or being usually fussy, lethargic and clingy.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (initial)

I will pick up my sick child within one hour of being called. \_\_\_\_\_ ( initial)

I have read Covenant Children's Center's Health Policy and I will abide by it. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Director/Ass't Director

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Parent

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