

SHORT-TERM EXCLUSION OF A SICK CHILD FROM THE CENTER

If there is any question whether your child may be too sick to attend school, please read the following section carefully or call your Center Manager.

POLICY

It is the policy of the center to exclude children who cannot participate in normal classroom activities due to sickness. Excluding sick children protects the health of everyone. A child may be readmitted to the center when he/she is determined to no longer be contagious.

A child with symptoms of the common cold and a sore throat may be admitted if he/she has no fever and is able to participate normally in center activities.

Your child may return to school when you are certain your child is no longer contagious and is strong enough to participate in daily activities. Fresh air and exercise significantly enhance the health and growth of children, so we will be outdoors daily. Because we cannot leave a child unattended and we need teachers on the playground for supervising, please keep your child home an extra day if you do not feel they are ready for outdoor play. A shorter day is always an option, if your child is up to it. Please make sure children are dressed appropriately for the weather conditions when attending school.

At Verner we are sensitive to the delicate balance involved in meeting the needs of the individual children and their families, as well as the needs of other families and staff in the program. The decision to send home a sick child will be thoughtfully made with guidance from teachers and administrators. We understand it is difficult for parents to leave or miss work; therefore, it is suggested that alternate arrangements be made for occasions when children must remain at home or be picked up from school due to illness.



EXCLUSION CRITERIA

CONDITION	IF YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH THIS DISEASE, OUR PROGRAM WILL:	WHEN TO ALLOW CHILD TO RETURN
Chicken Pox	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Temporarily exclude the sick child from child care. *Notify all parents regarding possible outbreak. *Contact the Director of EHS if needed to find out other preventative measures to take. *Carefully follow hand washing and cleaning procedures. 	Approximately 6-7 days after the rash begins or when ALL blisters have scabbed off.
Diarrheal Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Temporarily exclude the sick child from child care after two diarrhea stools. * Carefully follow hand washing and cleaning procedures. 	When child is diarrhea-free for 24 hours.
Hand-Foot-and-Mouth-Disease * NEW GUIDELINES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Temporarily exclude the sick child from child care. *Carefully follow hand washing and cleaning procedures. 	When fever free, all lesions have scabbed over, and no new lesions have appeared for two days.
Head Lice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Temporarily exclude the child after verification of lice from health staff or Center Manager. 	After treatment.
Ringworm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Temporarily exclude the child if the lesion cannot be covered. *Carefully follow hand washing and cleaning procedures. 	If unable to cover lesion, after treatment begins and the lesion starts to shrink.
Strep Throat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Temporarily exclude the sick child from child care. 	24 hours after 1 st dose of antibiotics are started.
Pink Eye	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Temporarily exclude the child with eye drainage and itching. *Carefully follow hand washing and cleaning procedures. 	24 hours after 1 st dose of medication and symptoms are mild.
Fifth Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Temporarily exclude the child if the child is unable to participate in center activities or has a fever. *Center will notify all parents. *Carefully follow hand washing and cleaning procedures. 	Until child is able to participate in center activities.
Fever with other symptoms (i.e. lethargy, irritability, rash, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Temporarily exclude the child if child has a fever above 100 degrees Fahrenheit under the arm or on the forehead, or 102 degrees Fahrenheit in the ear. 	Until child has been fever-free for 24 hours without medication OR with doctor's note stating child is not contagious.
Impetigo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Temporarily exclude the child from child care. *Carefully follow hand washing and cleaning procedures. 	Until 24 hours after treatment has been started.
Rash with other signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Exclusion will be decided based on severity of rash and if other symptoms are present. 	Until determined rash/illness is not a communicable disease.
Vomiting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Temporarily exclude the child who has 2 or more vomiting episodes in a 12 hour period. 	Until child has not vomited for a 24-hour period.

If conditions exist that are not included on this list, exclusion will be determined using recommendation from The American Academy of Pediatrics Caring for Our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards; Guideline for Early Care and Education Programs, Third Edition and/or the NC Division of Child Development and Early Education. Any child NOT VACCINATED according to NC law will be excluded from care during any outbreak of an infectious childhood disease that is preventable by immunizations.