

Part I. COMMUNICABLE DISEASE MANAGEMENT/SICK POLICY

GSC expects parents and guardians to partner with us in practicing the following precautions to help prevent the spread of communicable disease. Your cooperation in carrying out these practices is particularly appreciated. If your child has symptoms that may be consistent with COVID-19, such as fever, coughing, or diarrhea, please see Part II of this sick policy for the heightened procedures that will apply.

In the interest of keeping our community healthy and to comply with our state licensing requirements, it is imperative that a child be kept at home if any of the following symptoms are present:

- ❖ A fever of 99.9 degrees F or greater
- ❖ Skin rash other than eczema
- ❖ Diarrhea and/or vomiting
- ❖ Evidence of lice infestation
- ❖ Severe or persistent coughing that is non-allergy related or unusual sounding
- ❖ Yellow or green mucus discharge that is non-allergy related
- ❖ Difficult or rapid breathing/wheezing
- ❖ Yellowish skin or eyes
- ❖ Conjunctivitis symptoms (red eye, usually accompanied by excessive tearing or crusty discharge)
- ❖ Unusually dark urine and/or gray or white stool
- ❖ Stiff neck or irritability

ONCE SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS ARE ABSENT FOR A FULL 24 HOURS, THE CHILD MAY RETURN TO SCHOOL ON THE NEXT FULL SCHOOL DAY, unless the child has been diagnosed with an illness with a longer period of contagion.

2. Any child suspected of having a contagious illness is isolated immediately in the Director's office, within sight and hearing of an adult. The child is given a mat and blanket for use. The parents and/or emergency contacts are called to pick up the child from the center. If the child has any of the symptoms above, they may only return to school once the symptoms have been absent 24 hours.
3. Additionally, if a child has been diagnosed with a communicable illness that appears on the list below, they may not return until they provide a note of clearance from a physician. State licensing regulations requires that GSC gives notice when certain communicable diseases occur in the school population. Therefore, we ask that families notify us as soon as possible if children are diagnosed with any of the following:

Chickenpox

Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease

Hepatitis

Impetigo

Measles

Meningitis

Mumps

Ringworm

RSV

Strep Throat

4. If administration of medication is required, a form must be signed by the parent/

guardian, including the name of medicine, dosage, hour to be administered, and whether refrigeration is required. Medications must be in the original containers with written instructions including the name of the child and medication, the dosage, and the hours to be administered. The school reserves the right to refuse to administer medication. Please do not place medication of any kind, including sunscreen, hand lotion, vitamins, or lip balm, etc. in a child's backpack, lunch box, or cubby. All such items must be kept out of children's reach.

5. If a child is extremely lethargic, seems generally unwell, is reporting that they feel bad, and/or is not able to engage in the usual activities, GSC reserves the right to use our discretion in contacting parents to have a child picked up.

6. If a child is too sick to be at school and parents are contacted by GSC staff to pick up, a parent or another caregiver must pick up the child within one hour.

PART II. COVID-19 POLICY

In addition to our regular sick policy, GSC has created the following policy specific to COVID-19. This policy is subject to change in alignment with public health guidance.

- I. Anyone with any of the following COVID-like symptoms must be tested for COVID-19.
 - Fever of 99.9 or higher
 - Persistent Cough
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Nausea, diarrhea, vomiting
 - Nasal congestion or runny nose
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Sore throat
- II. **If a child or anyone in the child's household is COVID-positive** the child and the child's entire household must stay out of Garcia Street Club and notify the Executive Director so that a return-to-school plan can be made as the course of action will differ depending on circumstances including the child's age and ability to wear a mask.
- III. **If a child's household member is COVID-positive** and the child has tested negative and remains asymptomatic, the child may attend school after a 24-hour waiting period provided they:
 1. Are able to consistently wear a mask for 5 full school days AND
 2. Parents provide proof of a negative COVID test result before returning and on days 3 and 5
- IV. **If the child is COVID-positive and TWO YEARS OLD OR OLDER** they must stay home for 5 days from the date of the positive test or the start of symptoms, whichever came first. They may return on day 6 only if:
 - They are able to properly and consistently wear a mask during the school day, from days 6 through 10 **AND**
 - Their symptoms are resolving, and they are fever-free without medication **AND**
 - Proof of a negative rapid COVID test taken on day 5 or later has been submitted to GSC administration.
- V. **If a child is COVID-positive and UNDER TWO YEARS OLD** they must isolate out of school for a full 10 days from the date of the positive test or the date of the onset of symptoms, whichever came first.