



When should my child stay home from HCCC?

Sometimes it is easy to decide if your child should stay home from school, other times are trickier... check our policies below to help guide your decisions. Still have questions...give us a call!

- **Respiratory Virus:** (COVID-19, RSV, Influenza, Common Cold) Your child may return to school when they have been fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medicine, symptoms are improving overall *and* are now present less than 50% of the time *and* they are ready for all aspects of the day.
- **Gastrointestinal Virus:** Children with vomiting or diarrhea, may return when they have been free of any GI symptoms for 48 hours.
- **Conjunctivitis:** A child can return 24 hours after medication has been started *and* drainage has stopped or with a Doctor's note.
- **Ear Infections:** Children may return once they are feeling well enough to participate in the regular activities of his or her classroom.
- **Fever:** A child must be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication, if the temperature was 100 degrees or higher.
- **Hand-Foot-Mouth Virus-** May attend if fever free for 24 hours and blisters are not oozing.
- **Head Lice:** A child may return 24 hours after treatment has begun and when all nits have been removed.
- **Impetigo:** A child can return 24 hours after treatment has begun and if lesions are covered.
- **Pneumonia:** A child can return 24 hours after first dose of antibiotic treatment, fever free without fever reducing medicine and can participate in regular activities of the day.
- **Strep Throat:** A child can return 24 hours after first dose of antibiotic treatment. If treatment is delayed pending the result of a throat culture *and* the child has been exposed to strep throat, the child should not return to the program until it is determined that the child does **not** have strep throat.

COVID-19 Exposure and Testing: Children who have been exposed to COVID-19 and have ANY SYMPTOM at all must have a negative rapid COVID test prior to attending school for the first 3 days of symptoms. The results of this test must be reported to the classroom teacher via Brightwheel prior to arrival.

Germ reduction strategies upon return:

- **Masking:** *If your child is able and still has mild residual symptoms, we recommend masking.*
- **Extra Space:** *Extra space for eating and sleeping will be provided when available.*
- **Extra Ventilation:** *Extra ventilation in the classroom and additional fresh air play will be provided when possible.*
- **Good Hygiene:** *Children returning after illness will be monitored to cover sneezes and coughs and required to handwash often. Classroom surfaces and materials will be frequently sanitized.*

For other specific cases of illness refer to our handbook and please give us a call prior to bringing your child in. **Children must meet the above guidelines, generally have symptoms less than 50% of the time *and* be well enough to participate in all general activities for the entire day, including going outside to return to HCCC after an illness.** In some cases, HCCC may ask for a note from a doctor before a child who has been sick may return to HCCC.