



## *Hayes Child Development Center*

### Illness Policy and Procedure

#### **Hayes Child Development Center Illness Policy**

Hayes CDC's Illness Policy has been developed using instruction from the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 110-600-0205, Early Childcare and Education Assistance Program (ECEAP), state and local health departments (DOH), and the Center for Disease Control.

The purpose of this illness policy is to prevent the spread of illness among children, teachers, and staff. Hayes CDC enforces a strict illness policy and is unable to care for sick children. Please keep your child home if and when they are displaying symptoms listed in this document.

Keeping your children and center staff healthy is a priority. Following the illness policy is everyone's responsibility.

#### **When to Stay Home | "If they can't play, they can't stay"**

Keep your child home if you notice any symptom of illness that prevents your child from participating in normal daily activities. For example: lethargy, fatigue, persistent crying, difficulty breathing, lack of appetite or anything parents or teachers may consider a significant change in behavior.

Your child is excluded from care if any of the following symptoms are present:

- Fever of 100.4F or higher
- Medication used to lower an active fever/temperature
- Two loose bowel movements
- Coughing
- Vomiting twice
- Consistent yellow or green nasal discharge
- Lice
- Ring worm
- Scabies
- Covid-19 like symptoms
- Open wounds or sores discharging bodily fluids that cannot be adequately covered
- Any of the contagious diseases listed in WAC 246-110-00-10

#### **Illness Exclusion**

If your child is ill with any of the above symptoms or is sent home with any of the above symptoms, they must be symptom free for **24 hours** before returning to care.

Exemptions are not granted for MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella) vaccine. Per Washington State Law, all age-eligible children entering childcare are required to have an MMR vaccination – no exceptions.

#### **Adult Expectations**

If your child is sent to school ill or develops symptoms while in care, you or an adult listed as an emergency contact will be required to pick up the ill child within one and a half hours of notification.

We recognize that having to leave work or class is an inconvenience, however, it is necessary in order to ensure the health of the staff and children within the classroom. Failure to pick up your child could result in interruption of care.