



*Child Care at its Best through Primary Caregiving*

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### **The Acorn School Sick Policy**

Please do not bring your child to school when he/she is ill. If your child has a contagious illness, they cannot return to school until they are no longer contagious. When a child becomes ill but does not require immediate medical help, a determination must be made whether the child requires exclusion.

The caregiver/teacher should determine if the:

- Illness prevents the child from participating comfortably in activities.
- Illness results in a need for care that is greater than the staff can provide without compromising the health and safety of the other children.
- Illness poses a risk of spread of disease to others.

*For example:* Your child has an axillary (under the arm) temperature of 100° or more and he or she is acting abnormally sluggish and uninterested in participating in normal daily activities.

**If any of these criteria are met, the child will be excluded, regardless of the type of illness.**

If your child has exhibited symptoms of being sick, you *must* keep your child at home for a minimum of 24 hours, *even if your pediatrician has given authorization for your child to return*. If your child exhibits sick symptoms at school we will contact you immediately. You must pick your child up within one hour of notification. This helps us keep all of the children healthier.

**Please alert your child's teachers of any medications your child has received within the last 12 hours. This information is important to know for The Acorn Staff to provide the best care possible for the children we serve.**

There are services that provide for temporary child care for mildly ill children if it is not possible for you to remain at home with your child. One option is Take-A-Break 303-665-9741. Pre-registration is required for this service.

Note: Pre-registration is required for these services. The organization listed above is independent of The Acorn School, and Acorn is not responsible for any situation that may occur with these organizations.