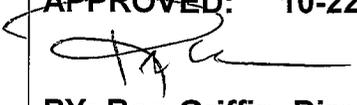




**COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO  
PRESCHOOL SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
POLICY**

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**SUBJECT:**  
SHORT TERM EXCLUSION OF CHILDREN

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**PURPOSE**

To maintain safe and communicable disease free environment.

**POLICY**

Certain symptoms in children may suggest the presence of a communicable disease. Children with symptoms listed in the attached guidelines, should be excluded from the childcare setting until one of the following occurs:

1. A physician has certified that the child's symptoms are not communicable or that having the child in the childcare setting no longer poses a threat to the health of other children or,
2. The symptoms have subsided, there is no risk of contagion and the child is able to participate comfortably in facility activities as determined by child center staff.
3. The Teacher will fill out the Site Monitoring for Communicable Diseases and Illnesses form.
4. If there were no communicable illnesses for the month, put none.
5. The Communicable Disease and Illness form should be filled out and is due to the Health Education Specialist by the 5th of each month.

**REFERENCE**

Head Start Performance Standards 1304.22(b)(1-2)

**PROCEDURE**

If a child is diagnosed by a physician with a reportable disease, the incident must be reported to the County of San Bernardino Health Services Agency, Department of Public Health, Disease Control Branch and California Community Care Licensing by the person designated responsible for health issues.

Parents will be notified of their child's exposure to a communicable disease. A sign will be posted and the Health Alert form will be given to the parents.

If the child care staff is uncertain about whether a child's illness or injury poses an increased risk to the child or others, the child will be excluded, until a licensed medical provider notifies the childcare program that the child may attend. When in doubt, always make sure to call your Health Education Specialist.

When a child in a Home Based program becomes ill, the parent will contact the site. The site will notify the teacher and site supervisor. At that time, a decision will be made how to handle the home visit.

#### Temporary Exclusion Guidelines:

The following are criteria to use in determining whether a child or adult should be excluded from the childcare setting.

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| 1. Fever  | Ear Temperature – 100 degrees or higher  |
| 2. Signs/Symptoms of Possible Severe Illness              | Unusually tired, uncontrolled coughing, irritability, persistent crying, fever, difficult or rapid breathing, wheezing, sore throat or difficulty in swallowing. |
| 3. Uncontrolled diarrhea                                  | More than one abnormal loose stool. If only one loose stool, observe child for other symptoms.   |
| 4. Vomiting   | One episode at the childcare center or within the previous 24 hours  |
| 5. Rash with fever or behavior changes                    | Exclude unless a health professional determines it is not communicable.  |
| 6. Eye Drainage   | Exclude until eyes are clear for 24 hours and a doctor's note is needed.   |
| 7. Scabies, head lice or other infestation                | Individual must be nit and symptom free to return to the childcare setting with a doctor's clearance.  |
| 8. Any contagious diseases including, but not limited to: | Tuberculosis, impetigo, pertussie, rubella, streptococcal infections (including strep throat), mumps, measles, chicken pox, hepatitis A, virus and shingles.     |

If a child becomes ill during the day, the parent will be contacted using the information written on the emergency card. The child will be made as comfortable as possible until the parent arrives.