

SADDLETREE MONTESSORI CHILD CARE

Sick Child Policy

This daycare is a well childcare facility. For the protection of all of the children in my care as well as the health of your own child and my family, this is being included in the contract. In order to protect the group as a whole, I ask that parents assist me by keeping sick children at home.

In the event that a child becomes sick while here the family will be notified and expected to be picked up within an hour.

If a child is sick, unable to play outdoors, and/or unable to participate in regular daily activities, alternate arrangements for care must be made.

Children with infectious illnesses can not attend.

When child may not attend daycare

Fever 99.9 degrees and higher

this includes the night before/morning of daycare ~ No fever for 24 hours without taking fever reducing medication.

If you had to give your child medicine the night before then that still means they can not come to daycare the next morning.

Rash ~ Unexplained rash ~ Consult doctor/Need a note stating your child is not contagious.

Vomiting or/and Diarrhea ~ All symptoms must be gone and no Vomiting or Diarrhea for 24 hours

Strep Throat ~ Consult doctor/Need a note. Child must be on antibiotics for 24 hours and be without a fever without medication for it.

Flu/Bronchitis/Pneumonia ~ Consult doctor/Need a note stating it is ok to come back to daycare. This usually takes about 2-3 days before

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they can come back to daycare. Must be on antibiotics and no fever for at least 24 hours without taking fever reducing medication.

Ear Infection ~ Consult doctor/Need a note. Child must be on antibiotics and no fever for 24 hours before returning.

Conjunctivitis (red eyes with yellow discharge)/Pink Eye ~ Consult doctor/Need a note. Child must be on eye drops/antibiotics for 24 hours.

Head Lice ~ Usually takes 24 hours to treat head and house ~ When all nits have been removed and child is cleared from the doctor. Need a note.

Common Cold Policy

Children suffering from a common cold will be assessed on an individual basis.

Factors of consideration include the developmental level of your child in congruence with my ability to limit the spread of germs.

The younger your child, the more difficult it is to keep the spread of germs down. For example: hand to face contact, mouthing of toys, uncontrolled nasal discharge, uncovered sneezing and coughing etc.

(Also when caring for an ill child, the ability to provide high quality care to all of the other children is jeopardized)

A child may return when he or she is free from symptoms and no longer infectious. The child should also be well enough to actively participate throughout the day. In any case of serious or unexplainable illness, a doctor's medical clearance may be required prior to admission back into care.

- Please do not send your child to daycare until they are free of symptoms for **24 hours**.

☒ This means if your child has a fever and it breaks at 9pm on Sunday night, the child **CAN NOT** attend daycare on Monday. Tuesday morning he/she will be accepted back into care.

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☒ This means if your child is up all night throwing up and he/she has their last bout of throwing up at 3am Sunday night and seems to be free of symptoms when you wake them up in the morning your child still **CAN NOT** attend daycare on Monday. Tuesday morning he/she will be accepted back into care.

If you have any questions concerning this policy and whether your child should attend, please contact me before bringing your child.

PLEASE BE COURTEOUS OF ALL CHILDREN IN MY PROGRAM, AND REFRAIN FROM BRINGING AN ILL CHILD UNTIL 24 HOURS HAVE PASSED SINCE ANY FEVER, VOMITING, DIARRHEA, OR ANY OTHER COMMUNICABLE SYMPTOMS HAVE OCCURRED.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS PORTION.

I have read, understand, and agree to the sick child policy in place for my child while attending Saddletree Montessori Child Care.

PARENT/GAURDIAN

DATE