

Early Horizons Illness Policy

We take the health of children very seriously. Because of this concern, we have developed strict policies regarding illness. In following these policies, we will reduce the spread of infection and therefore reduce the number of days your child will be absent due to illness.

In addition to the usual childhood diseases (chicken pox, measles, etc.), your child may not attend Early Horizons if he/she possesses any of the symptoms on the following chart.

Below is the illness policy for Early Horizons.

Symptoms	Will Be Sent Home	May Return to EH	Must Stay Home
Fever	We will call to notify you if the fever is over 99.5 under the arm and request you pick up your child if the fever goes over 100 under the arm.	Below 100 under the arm for the past 24 hours, without medication.	Above 100 under the arm and for 24 hours after the fever has broken, without medication.
Runny Nose	When the mucus is severe or combined with other symptoms. If the mucus is moderate and persists for more than a week without seeing a doctor.	If mild or not combined with other symptoms	If severe or combined with other symptoms
Lice	If there are any sign of nits or lice.	If hair is free of nits	If any nits or lice are sighted
Wet Cough	If they are wheezing severely.	If the cough is mild or combined with a doctor's note stating that they can return to child care.	If the cough is waking the child in the night and/or the child is wheezing severely.
Vomiting	UNDER 12 months - After two episodes within 24 hours. OVER 12 months - We will call after the first episode and unless the vomiting is mild or related to another condition, we will ask that you pick up your child. If there appears there might be another cause for the vomiting, we will wait until there is a second episode to send your child home.	24 hours after the last vomiting episode and keeping solid food down.	Still vomitting and unable to keep solid foods down or within 24 hours of the last episode.
Conjunctivitis	When goop from the eye is wiped away and returns and the white of the eye is red.	When there is no more fresh goop coming from the eye for 24 hours or with a doctor's note stating that the child is not contagious.	If there is any residual goop, or there is no note from the doctor stating that the child is not contagious.
Diarrhea	If there are two diarrheas within 2 hours. Diarrhea is defined as an unusually loose or watery stool.	When they have had a solid stool or there has been 24 hours since the last diarrhea. Also, if you bring us a note from a doctor stating that the child may return to childcare and is not contagious.	If they still have diarrhea or within 24 hours of the last loose stool, without a solid poop.
Rash	If there is any undifined rash out of the diaper area. If there is a rash with little white pimples.	If there is a note from a doctor statung that the rash is not contagious. OR the rash is gone.	If the rash is contagious or has not been defined as "not contagious" by a doctor.
Other	We reserve the right to send a child home for any other cause that interferes with the child's ability to participate in the program. OR for any illness, not listed above that might spread to other children and adults.		

REMEMBER, following these guidelines keeps all of our children, staff and parents healthier.
Thank you for your help in making Early Horizons a healthier and happier place!