

STUDENT HEALTH – GUIDELINES

These guidelines recapitulate the school policy regarding illness, found in the TCWS Health Care Handbook. It is intended to help parents locate information about illness and school attendance quickly, and is best useful when kept readily available for quick reference.

Exclusion of Ill Children

On the advice of health experts, we do not permit children with any of the following symptoms to be or remain at school or in the After Care Program until they have been symptom-free for 24 hours without the use of symptom-masking medications

- a. Fever of 100° F axillary (under arm) or higher **AND** who also have one or more of the following:
- b. Diarrhea / vomiting
- c. Earache
- d. Sore throat
- e. Rash
- f. Signs of irritability or confusion
- g. Headache

Three Cedars uses licensing approved thermometers to determine if a child has a fever. (A fever of up to 100° F, without any of these symptoms, will not automatically result in your child being excluded from care. However, it is recommended that children with any fever be kept at home until they have been symptom-free for 24 hours without the use of symptom-masking medications.

- a. Vomiting on 2 or more occasions within a 24-hour period.
- b. Diarrhea of 3 or more watery stools within a 24 hour period or 1 bloody stool.
- c. Rash, especially with fever or itching.
- d. Eye discharge or pinkeye. Children/staff are readmitted after:
 - medical diagnosis to rule out bacterial infection or
 - 24 hours on antibiotic treatment.
- e. Fatigue preventing the child from being a part of regular activities.
- f. Children/staff with open oozing sores, which cannot be covered, will not be allowed to be in school until:
 - 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment, **or**
 - Sores are properly covered (e.g. bandage/clothing, staff-gloves), **or**
 - Sores are healed.
- g. Lice and/or scabies. For lice, children/staff may be readmitted after treatment and when no nits are visible. For scabies, children/staff may be readmitted after treatment.

If Three Cedars management staff or faculty have concerns about a child's ability to safely return to school, we reserve the right to request a note from the child's health care provider.

We ask that ill children, as described above in 1-8, not attend school for the following reasons:

- They are unable to be an active part of our daily program.
- They expose other children and staff to illnesses, and
- They are at risk for being exposed to other diseases when their resistance is low.

When a child is excluded from attending school, the Preschool/ Kindergarten/ After Care staff will note this in the Health Care Management Log kept at each site. Following an illness or injury, children are readmitted to the program when they have been symptom-free for 24 hours without the use of symptom-masking medications.