Frequently Asked Questions - Head Start and Early Head Start



When Should My Child Stay Home from Class?



Please keep your child home if:



- Your medical provider tells you to keep your child at home
- Child has fever of 101 degrees or more and feels too ill to participate
- Child has a lower fever in addition to any of the following: behavior changes, difficulty breathing, rash (may need to see your medical provider)
- Child has abdominal pain for at least two hours or intermittent abdominal pain with other symptoms, such as fever, diarrhea, dehydration (may need to see provider)
- Child vomits 2 or more times in the past 24 hours. Keep home until symptoms have resolved, unless vomiting is definitely caused by condition that is not contagious
- If your child has diarrhea that is not contained in a diaper or is causing accidents for child who is toilet trained. Please see provider if blood or mucus in stool. Child can come to school when frequency of bowel movements is nearly normal
- Child needs to be excluded if any spots/blisters are draining and cannot be covered or there are blisters in the mouth that are draining
- Any time your child is not coming to school, please call the center before class

If your child is injured or has surgery, we need a release form from the doctor with any activity restrictions or care needed before returning to school. Please contact your center if:



- Child gets a cast, splint, stitches or has a new injury that needs care at school
- Child has surgery scheduled or has unexpected surgery
- Child is prescribed a new medication that will need to be at school

Please bring your child to school if:



- They have a cold or allergies but still feel like participating
- They are coughing, but still are able to participate
- Have discharge from their eye or eyes but no fever
- Has a rash but no fever
- Has skin blisters that can all be covered up and are not draining
- You have worked with the center to get the doctor's release back to school after an injury or surgery. We will make any needed accommodations

If you have any questions, please call your center ☺

