

Beacon Learning Centre: Exclusion Due to Sickness Policy

The Beacon Learning Centre will follow the guidelines set forth by the City of Ottawa Health Department with respect to personal health care practices and procedures for children.

All children present at the centre must be well enough to participate fully in the daily program, including outdoor activities. When a child becomes ill at the centre, the parent will be notified and asked to pick up the child immediately. The emergency contact person will be called if the parent cannot be notified. As we are obligated to act in the best interests of the health and safety of **all** children (and staff) in our child care centre, a child who exhibits **one or more** of the following symptoms will not be allowed to attend or remain at the centre:

- fever of 37.8°C (100°F) or over;
- vomiting;
- diarrhea;
- undiagnosed rash;
- symptoms of contagious illness;
- severe runny nose, cough, or cold;
- excessive lethargy;
- eye infections.

A child may return to the centre when:

- he/she has been clear of all symptoms of fever, diarrhea or vomiting for a minimum of 24 hours (when a gastro outbreak occurs this period becomes 48 hours);
- symptoms of severe cold are absent;
- there may be an exclusion period for some illnesses, such as Conjunctivitis (pink eye), Measles, Mumps, Pertussis (whooping cough), Rubella (German Measles), as required by the City of Ottawa Public Health branch;
- children with head lice must be treated with a head lice product before returning to BLC;
- you may be asked to provide a medical certificate of health from a doctor before returning to the child care program when:
 - an undiagnosed rash is present;
 - there is a possible eye infection;
 - there is a possibility of a contagious illness.

Please note that final determination as to whether the child's condition merits exclusion is in the sole discretion of the **BLC** Director or delegate in consultation with staff and that the criteria stated are guidelines for that discretion only.

I have read and agree to follow the guidelines in the above policy.

Parent/Guardian's signature:

Date:

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