

## **Hygiene, Illness and Fever Policy**

In Bambinos Family Day Care we constantly promote a healthy environment for the children. Our staff encourages children to wash their hands as needed and definitely before handling any food and after handling any germs or messy material. Our staff uses plastic gloves at feeding times, diapering and when coming into contact with any bodily fluids. In addition, our toys are washed and sanitized daily in the infants and toddlers section and weekly in the pre-school.

However, we also ask for your cooperation in keeping your child at home when he or she has a fever and/or is showing some symptoms of any kind of illness. Keeping your child out of the daycare will help avoid spreading the sickness to other families.

If a child arrives in the morning with some symptom of illness, staff may at their discretion refuse to receive the child in the program that day. Examples of the symptoms that require exclusion from the school include:

- Severe pain or discomfort; especially to the abdomen, joints, or ears.
- Vomiting or diarrhea; 1 or more incidents in less than 24 hours.
- Severe yellow or green bodily fluids from nose.
- Oral temperature of 100 degrees or more.
- Jaundice (yellow) skin or eyes.
- Red eyes with discharge.
- Infected, untreated skin patches/lesions.
- Severe itching of body/scalp.
- Difficulty or rapid breathing.
- Skin rashes (not diaper rash).
- Swollen joints, visibly enlarged lymph nodes or neck.
- Blood or pus from ears, skin, urine.
- Unusual behavior: listlessness, loss of normal appetite, or confusion.
- Symptoms of chicken pox, impetigo, lice, scabies, or strep throat.

If a child becomes ill during the day, parents or caregivers will be notified immediately. These children can come back to Bambinos Family Day Care when they are visibly symptoms free; however in severe illness, a doctor's authorization to come to daycare will be required.

## **Medications**

Bambinos Family Day Care is authorized to administer prescription medication. A provider may administer only one dose of a nonprescription medication such as Tylenol, Robitussin etc. Parental permission to administer the medication is documented on a completed, signed, and dated medication authorization form, provided by the office, that is received by the provider or substitute before the medication is administered. For more than two dose of non prescription or prescription medication must have written document from the doctor on letterhead or script pad stating the name of medication, the dosage, the reason for taking it, and how long it is to be taken. The medication must be clearly labeled with the child's name. We cannot administer more than one dose of medication each day.