

SCHOOL IN THE PINES HEALTH POLICIES



In an effort to keep students and staff well, please respect our health policies and procedures:

Please do NOT administer Tylenol or other fever-reducer, or OTC cold medicine before sending child to school, as there is no way to know if these are masking the symptoms of a contagious illness.

If a child becomes sick while in our care, we will call both parents ASAP for prompt pickup. The child will be isolated in the classroom or seated in our lobby benches until parents arrives.

Reasons for school/day care exclusion, or to be sent home:

Temp over 100.4.....one or more episodes of vomiting.....two or more episodes of diarrhea.....excessive nasal drainage, cough or congestion that keeps child from breathing, playing and sleeping normally.....pink eye, discharge, crusty eyes (children will need Dr. note to return after pink eye symptoms).....child's appearance or behavior is unusual and classroom teachers agree the child isn't well enough to participate (could be change in appetite, attitude, napping schedule, etc. left to teachers/staff discretion)-

Children sent home sick must remain home at least 24 hours for monitoring and/or doctor visit. Children with fever must be fever-free without medication for 24 hours. Children prescribed antibiotics must take their first two doses at home.

If/when a child visits the doctor for an illness (pink eye, flu, cold and congestion, virus, etc.), please request a back to school/day care notice to provide to us. This should have a date that the child is cleared to return to school.

We will not administer Tylenol (exception for infants, see below), fever-reducers, or OTC cold/cough medicines while your child is in care. We will not keep medications on file to be used "as needed."

Please do not put vitamins or any type of medication in a child's bottle or cup, as we can't be sure they will get all the needed medication. Plus, this is a safety hazard for other children.

Any antibiotics that are twice a day must be given at home (Please check with your doctor about this option). Since we don't have a dedicated nurse or medical aide on site, it's best not to give out any medication, and we can only do so to the best of our ability.

We do not administer, keep, or store Epi-Pens at school. Breathing treatments will be handled on a case-by-case basis. A procedure that takes our teacher or staff away from the other children is not permitted.

Infants Only (up to one year) – Tylenol or OTC medications may only be given with a doctor's note, if the child is well enough to be at school (examples are for teething or pain from routine shots).

Gas drops, gripe water, teething ointment, diaper cream, etc. are all acceptable and part of our daily routine and care for infants. Must be labeled first name, last initial.

I understand you are having to take time off work to care for your child, pick them up, etc. and that is inconvenient for you and your employer, but we are trying our best to keep our staff, teachers, and students well and healthy.