**2023 HANNAH’S HOUSE PLAYSCHOOL HEALTH & COVID-19 POLICY**

**Child’s name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Children will be excluded for ANY of the following symptom for 24 hours and/or the following day of daycare (whichever is longer) following their resolution WITHOUT the use of medications:

* Fever over 100 degrees
* Chills
* Vomiting
* Muscle or body aches
* Sore throat
* Diarrhea
* Eye drainage or pus
* New or worsening rash
* Inability to participate in routine Playschool activities due to illness
* Allergic reaction to medication, food or other substances requiring medical attention

Playschool has a zero-tolerance policy for fevers, vomiting and diarrhea. While some children may react to teething, ear infections, vaccines, or other minor illnesses with these symptoms, they must remain home to prevent possible germ spread.

Children will be excluded for ANY of the following symptom for 72 hours following their resolution WITHOUT the use of medications:

* Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
* New loss of taste or smell
* Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
* Confusion
* Inability to wake or stay awake
* Trouble breathing
* Bluish lips or face

Children presenting with these symptoms may need to be cleared by a medical provider before returning to care (i.e. allergies, common cold, etc) OR may need to remain home until symptoms resolve OR may be admitted at the providers discretion if the child is able to wear a mask and/or illness can readily be contained:

* Cough
* Congestion or stuffy nose

Playschool reserves the right to require a medical excuse and/or COVID-19/respiratory pathogen testing from a medical professional such as a physician, pediatrician, or nurse practitioner due to any illness or symptom as it relates to the health and safety of those in care as well as the provider. In order to keep Playschool safe for all, the provider and authorized agents reserve the right to turn children away from care if their condition may present an undue infection risk.

Only the following medications will be administered at Playschool. Prescription medications must be in original containers with clear dosing instructions. Over the counter medications must be in original containers.:

* Antibiotics or other prescriptions that must be given during the day (Medications that do not REQUIRE a dosage during childcare hours must be given at home.)
* Tylenol or Ibuprofen for teething- not to be given for fevers
* Gas drops

QUARANTINE

Children will need to quarantine a minimum of 10 days (possibly 14 or more depending on health official recommendations) if:

* They have been exposed to somebody with a confirmed OR suspected case of COVID-19 and have not received two COVID-19 vaccines
* Have been told to isolate or quarantine by a medical professional either independently of or following testing for COVID-19

Length of quarantine may depend on type of exposure and exposure within the family/those in the home. All parties agree to work with healthcare officials to determine when child can safely return. A negative test may be required to return.

ILLNESS WHILE IN CARE

If a child becomes ill while at Playschool, parents will be notified and will have one hour to pick up child. Return attendance is based on illness/diagnoses but at minimum the child must be kept home for 24 hours/the following day (whichever is longer).

TEETHING

Teething can be an uncomfortable process for many children. Playschool will administer parent-provided medication at routine intervals to assist with this pain but children must still be able to eat, drink and remain active throughout the day. Please provide notification of the last dose of medication administered.

EAR INFECTIONS

Children with ear infections may be admitted to car so long as a) they are able to actively participate at daycare including eating, drinking and playing and b)that any drainage is contained to the ear and does not pose a health or safety hazard to others.

VACCINATION

All children are required to be up to date on state mandated vaccines to attend Playschool. Influenza, COVID-19, and several other vaccines are currently considered optional by the state of Iowa and thus Playschool, however; should state or federal guidelines change, children will need to follow the newly mandated protocol. Please provide Playschool a copy of the vaccine record following each new administration.

SURGERY/MEDICAL PROCEDURES

Children must remain at home until the following day after undergoing minor procedures such as ear tubes. Following more major procedures, a note from a medical provider will be required indicating date the child is released to return to care and/or accommodations the child will need to safely participate. For safety reasons, children must be able to actively participate in the Playschool program.

COVID-19 FINANCIAL POLICY:

* If a child or family is required to quarantine, full tuition is due. If quarantine lasts longer than 30 calendar days, a spot may be held at Playschool for ½ the normal tuition costs. This will require proof of positive COVID tests.
* If Playschool closes due to COVID, ½ price tuition will be charged for up to three weeks.
* Regular tuition is due for all other illnesses, surgeries, and procedures.

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