

MMO Sick Policy (see the MMO Student Handbook for more information)

Children shall be screened upon arrival daily for any obvious signs of illness. If symptoms of illness are present, the MMO staff shall determine whether they are able to care for the child safely, based on the apparent degree of illness, other children present and facilities available to care for the ill child.

1) Children with diarrhea and/or those with a rash combined with fever (oral temperature of 101° F or higher or under the arm temperature of 100° F or higher) shall not be admitted to MMO while those symptoms persist, and shall be removed as soon as possible should these symptoms develop while the child is in care.

2) Children need not be excluded for a minor illness unless any of the following exists, in which case exclusion from MMO is required:

A) Illness that prevents the child from participating comfortably in program activities;

B) Illness that calls for greater care than the staff can provide without compromising the health and safety of other children;

C) Fever with behavior change or symptoms of illness;

D) Unusual lethargy, irritability, persistent crying, difficulty breathing or other signs of possible severe illness;

E) Diarrhea;

F) Vomiting 2 or more times in the previous 24 hours, unless the vomiting is determined to be due to a noncommunicable condition and the child is not in danger of dehydration;

G) Mouth sores associated with the child's inability to control his or her saliva, until the child's physician or the local health department states that the child is noninfectious;

H) Rash with fever or behavior change, unless a physician has determined the illness to be noncommunicable;

I) Purulent conjunctivitis, until 24 hours after treatment has been initiated;

J) Impetigo, until 24 hours after treatment has been initiated;

K) Strep throat (streptococcal pharyngitis), until 24 hours after treatment has been initiated and until the child has been without fever for 24 hours;

L) Head lice, until the morning after the first treatment;

M) Scabies, until the morning after the first treatment;

N) Chicken pox (varicella), until at least 6 days after onset of rash;

O) Whooping cough (pertussis), until 5 days of antibiotic treatment have been completed;

P) Mumps, until 9 days after onset of parotid gland swelling;

Q) Measles, until 4 days after disappearance of the rash; or

R) Symptoms that may be indicative of one of the serious, communicable diseases identified in the Illinois Department of Public Health Control of Communicable Diseases Code (77 Ill. Adm. Code 690).

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