

Big Sandy Area C.A.P., Inc. – HEAD START
Program Policies and Procedures

Exclusion of Sick Children

POLICY:

Head Start will temporarily exclude children from the program due to acute and/or contagious illness. Parents will be informed of exclusion guidelines during orientation to the program.

. This policy relates to Head Start Performance Standards 45 CFR Part 1304.22

PROCEDURE:

1. In order to ensure the safety and health of children and staff, children who have an acute or contagious illness will be temporarily excluded from the program until the condition subsides, is no longer contagious, or a statement is received from the child's doctor that the child is no longer contagious.
2. Children who have any of the following conditions/symptoms will be excluded from the classroom:
 1. An oral temperature of 101 degrees or greater.
 2. Vomiting (more than one time in last 24 hours)
 3. Diarrhea (more than two times in last 24 hours)
 4. Deep, hacking uncontrolled cough
 5. Sore, red throat
 6. Severe congestion/difficulty breathing
 7. Unexplained rash
 8. Earache
 9. Yellow discharge from the eyes
 10. Cuts or opening on the skin that are oozing or pus-filled
 11. Lice
 12. A contagious/communicable disease such as;
Chicken Pox
Fifth Disease
Flu
Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease
Hepatitis Type A/Type B
Impetigo
Measles
Meningitis
Mononucleosis

Mumps
Pink Eye (conjunctivitis)
Pinworm
Roseloa
Rubella
Strep Throat (streptococcal infections)
Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

3. If a parent knows or suspects that their child has a contagious disease, advise her/him to call the classroom to let you know and to take the child to see a doctor to confirm the diagnosis and receive medications (if needed). Let them know that they will need to bring a note from the doctor describing the condition and when it is okay for the child to return to the classroom.
4. If staff are uncertain regarding the child's condition or whether the illness poses a risk to others, they will call the parent if available or an emergency contact person. In cases where the parent and staff disagree about the child's condition, staff will call the Delegate Head Start Director / designated staff person, Grantee Health Services Manager, or child's physician for further advice.
5. Refer to Communicable Disease and Illness policy and procedures for further guidance.