

HEALTH POLICIES

ALLERGIES/HEALTH CONDITIONS:

Severe allergies and health conditions must be brought to the attention of the Director and the classroom teacher. If your child requires an Epi-Pen, submit a **notarized** copy of our Epi-Pen Release Form (found on our website) along with the prescribed Epi-Pen.

IMMUNIZATIONS:

The NC State Health Department mandates that all children must be properly immunized with the below vaccine minimum dosages before enrollment. All students must have a current immunization record or exemption statement on file with the school. See www.dph.ncdhhs.gov/programs/epidemiology/immunization for more information.

- By 16 mo old – 2 HepB, 2 Polio/IPV, 3 DTap, 2-3 HIB, 4 PCV, 1 MMR
- By 19 mo old – 3 HepB, 3 Polio/IPV, 4 DTap, 3-4 HIB, 4 PCV, 1 MMR, 1 Var

Unvaccinated children (including those who qualify for an exemption) may be excluded from school by public health officials if the state health director or a local health director determines immunization is necessary to control the spread of disease in an outbreak (GS_130a-145). Please direct all immunization questions to the Director.

SICKNESS:

It is in the best interest of your child, their classmates, and the staff to keep your child at home when they are ill. Please use the below guidelines to determine whether your child should attend.

- PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME if they exhibit the following symptoms:
 - Thick and green nasal discharge, or other discharge that is nearly constant.
 - Thick or unusually colored discharge from the eyes.
 - Lethargy, discomfort, fatigue, feeling unwell or “off.”
- Your child may attend/resume attending school under the following guidelines:
 - **After a respiratory virus** (i.e. COVID, influenza, etc) – wait 24 hours after symptoms improve.
 - **After a fever** - temperature must be normal for 24 hours without medication.
 - **After diarrhea or vomiting** – wait 24 hours without incident.
 - **After contagious illness with a prescribed oral antibiotic** – after administration of 3 doses.
 - **After intravenous antibiotic administration** – wait 24 hours.
- **CONTAGIOUS DISEASE:** Communicate with your teacher and the Director if your child contracts a communicable disease (i.e. Hand Foot & Mouth, Lice, Influenza, COVID, RSV, Impetigo, Pink Eye). This allows the Director to anonymously notify other parents who can watch for symptoms.
- The Director may update the above guidance based on recommendations from health professionals.