








## DBELC Illness Policy

We know that your child's health and safety, as well as that of all the children entrusted to our care, is the biggest concern. For this reason, we do enforce an illness policy to help stop and contain the spread of illnesses. DBELC will send a child home if illness prevents a child from participating comfortably in activities, if illness results in a need for care that is greater than staff members can provide without compromising the health and safety of other children, or if an illness poses a risk of spread to others.

Should your child become ill during the day, the parent will be notified to pick up their child immediately. To return to care, a child must be symptom-free without medication for 24 hours or have a doctor's note specifically stating that your child is not contagious. In the event a child contracts a communicable disease and exposes the other children, notice of such exposure will be posted in a confidential manner and parents will be notified to pick up their child. The ill child will not be permitted to return to child care until the period of contagion has passed. We understand that the need to stay home with a sick child is a strain for some families. But, we must take steps during the outbreak of an illness to stop that contagion from getting other children and staff sick. As a DHS licensed center, we are required to report any communicable diseases to the local Health Department.

If the following symptoms or signs of illness are apparent, your child will not be able to attend for the day:

-  Fever of 101 degrees or higher (100 degrees taken under the arm)
-  Excessive diarrhea (more than 2 times)
-  Vomiting
-  Consistent or severe cough
-  Draining or suspicious rash, including ringworm and impetigo (until judged non-infective by a physician)
-  Lice, Nits (as we do have a "No Nit" policy in place), or Mites
-  Pink eye or eye discharge

In case of a medical emergency, first aid will be administered by a staff member with first aid certification. The parent or authorized adult will be notified as quickly as possible. If medical attention is required, the staff will call the local ambulance service, which will transport the child to the local hospital. A staff person will accompany the child. As soon as your child is safely on his or her way to medical treatment, we will contact you. If unable to reach you, we will use your emergency contact list. This is why it is necessary that you keep your contact list current.

If your child gets sick or suffers any minor injuries throughout the day that do not require immediate contact, you will receive an incident/accident report at pick up to explain what has happened that day.