

Well Child Policy

Our Well Child Policy has been designed to help protect our children and volunteers from infectious and communicable diseases, and to provide a healthy environment

1. When a Child should not be allowed in a Classroom

(a) If any of the following symptoms or conditions is present, do not allow a child into the classroom. This protects the other children and volunteers.

1. Any temperature above 100.4
2. Diarrhea
3. Vomiting – in past 24 hours
4. Questionable Rash
5. Sore throat with fever and swollen glands
6. Severe coughing
7. Discharge from eye or nose that is yellow or green in color.
8. Yellowish skin or eyes
9. Any other communicable disease
10. If your child is being treated with an antibiotic, he or she should have received treatment for at least 24 hours before coming to class.

For your child's protection, we ask our Teachers and Caregivers to follow the same guidelines

2. When a Child should be removed From a Classroom

(a) If a child develops any of the symptoms or conditions listed above (a)", the child should be separated from the other children, a Children's Ministry leader should be contacted and then a parent should be paged to come and pick up the child.

(b) If a child's illness results in a discharge of blood or other bodily fluids, refer to the "Injury and Medical Emergency Policy", specifically "1. (c)."

(c) If a child becomes so irritable or cries to the point that adequate care for other children is jeopardized, the parent should be paged to pick up the child. Our rule of thumb is if the child has been crying uncontrollably for 15 minutes, page the parent.

In the event a child does contract a childhood illness, MCC will follow recommendations provided by the CDC.

3. Parental Notification When a Child Has Been Exposed to an Infectious Disease

(a) Volunteers should notify a Children's Minister if they have knowledge of a child who is or becomes ill with an infectious disease.

(b) The Children's Minister will determine if parental (or even Health Dept.) notification is advisable and to what extent and will act accordingly. This is another example as to why it is critical that correct attendance sheets and roles be kept.

Medicine Policy

Generally, if a child requires medicine, his or her parent should give it. However, as noted below, our procedures do allow for appropriate flexibility when babies and special off-site activities are involved.

(a) Generally, volunteers should not give or apply any medicine to a child, including Tylenol, syrups, vitamins, etc. This applies to both over-the-counter and prescription medicines. Volunteers may apply diaper ointment if they have been instructed to do so by a parent.

(b) If a child requires that medication be given on field trips, camp, or any other off-site events, special authorization must also be provided by a parent via the Medical Release Form.