

The parents are asked to notify the program within 24 hours, exclusive of weekends and holidays when a child is diagnosed by a child’s source of medical or dental care as having a contagious disease. Contagious illnesses will be reported to all parents the same day the information is received. The staff will post a notice in a prominent place stating the illness, incubation period, early signs to watch for and exclusion recommendations. These postings will be updated with each new case of the illness.

Behavior or health issues which may affect the safety, health, and general well-being of other children at Early Childhood Academy may result in limited exclusion or termination of enrollment.

Children should be kept home and are excluded from the Academy If they have any of the following symptoms or illnesses (but are not limited to)

Symptoms/ Illness	May return to school if
Respiratory distress, Acute Bronchitis (Chest Cold)/Bronchiolitis	Until fever is gone (without the use of a fever reducing medication) and the child is well enough to participate in routine activities
Chickenpox	Until all blisters have dried into scabs; usually by day 6 after the rash began.
Conjunctivitis (Pinkeye) <b>Bacterial:</b> pink or red conjunctiva with pus that causes matting of the eyelids, pain or redness of eyelids. <b>Viral:</b> pink conjunctiva with clear watery discharge and without pain or redness of eyelids.	Refer for medical diagnosis and treatment. <b>bacterial (with pus):</b> exclude from Academy until 24 hours after treatment begins. <b>Viral (without pus):</b> no exclusion unless the child has a fever or is not healthy enough to participate in routine activities.
Diarrhea (Infectious)	Until 24 hours after diarrhea has stopped. The length of time may vary depending on the pathogen. For some infections, the person must also be treated with antibiotics or have negative stool tests before returning to childcare
Head Lice	Removal of all lice and nits with a lice treatment
Vomiting 2 or more times since admission that day.	Until 24 hours after vomiting has stopped
Fever 100-degree Fahrenheit <u>axillary (armpit)</u> or higher temperature of undiagnosed origin before fever reducing medication is given.	Until fever is gone (without the use of a fever reducing medication) and the child is well enough to participate in routine activities.
Undiagnosed Rash	Until seen and cleared by a physician that rash is not contagious or attributed to a communicable disease/illness.
Unexplained Lethargy	Once child is well enough to participate in routine activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any reportable illness or condition as specified by the health department that is contagious and a physician determines has not had sufficient treatment to reduce the health risk to others.</li> <li>Not able to participate in child care program activities with reasonable comfort.</li> <li>Requires more care than the program staff can provide without compromising the health and safety of other children in care.</li> </ul>	