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**PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE:** To protect all children from contagious disease, including appropriate inclusion and exclusion policies for when a child is ill, and from an infectious disease outbreak.

**OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE:** To prevent the spread of illness or infection, all staff required to stay home and parents are required to keep their child at home or to notify their home visitor of any of the following conditions exist:

- The child does not feel well enough to participate comfortably in the program's activities.
- The staff cannot adequately care for the sick child without compromising the care of the other children.
- **Head lice:** Child will be sent home at the end of the school day, if there is an active infestation of live lice. It will be required for the child to have scalp treatment upon return. Instructions on hair care treatment and household cleaning will be provided.
- **Elevated Temperature:** Family will be contacted with any fever of 101.0 and above. In order for the child to return the fever must be gone for 24 hours, and no further symptom development.
- **Impetigo:** Child may return after 24 hours of treatment and no new crusting, oozing, or redness. We will need a medical provider's note explaining that your child is being treated and may return to school.
- **Herpes/Cold Sores/Fever Blisters:** Child may return after lesions have crusted over and are no longer oozing, and fever free for 24 hours.
- **Rash:** Child may be dismissed with fever or behavior change with the rash.
- **Pink Eye/Eye Irritation:** If suspected pink eye or other eye irritation is causing redness and drainage, a phone call to notify family of child's eyes will be made.
- **Diarrhea:** Diarrhea that accompanies a fever or other contagious symptoms will require a phone call to the family. Any diarrhea that contains blood or mucus, or is not containable for multiple diaper changes will require a phone call to the family.
- **Vomiting:** Vomiting that accompanies a fever or other contagious symptoms will require a phone call to the family. The child may return 6 hours after last episode, fever free for 24 hours, and the child has eaten a meal with no further vomiting.
- **Chicken Pox:** Child may return after all lesions are crusted over (approximately six days after onset of rash) and fever free for 24 hours.
- **Strep-Throat:** Child may return after 12 hours of antibiotic therapy and child is free of fever for 24 hours. We will need a medical provider's note explaining that your child is being treated and may return to school.

- **Suspected Pertussis: (whooping cough):** Child will need to stay at home until testing is negative, or for five days after treatment has begun, whichever comes first. We will need a medical provider's note explaining that your child is being treated and may return to school.
- **Medications:** Medications will be given around the school schedule whenever possible. If medication must be given during school hours a medication authorization. If your child is put on antibiotics they may return to school the next day as long as they follow the rest of the Short Term Exclusion Guidelines above.
- **Other Contagious Diseases:** **Please notify the Health Coordinator or child's teacher if there is any indication of a contagious disease so we can work with the family and health provider to keep all of our children safe. We follow the North Dakota Child Care and School Infectious Disease Exclusion Guidance on all other diseases.**