



Policy on the Management of Communicable Diseases Raab Montessori Academy

We at Raab Montessori Academy recognize that we must exclude certain sick children with communicable diseases, so as to continue to serve the well student body. Therefore, children shall be subject to the following criteria for exclusion, due to communicable diseases.

Raab Montessori Academy shall not permit a student or staff member with excludable communicable disease to be admitted to or remain at the school until:

- A note from the child's or staff member's licensed physician, stating that the child or adult has been diagnosed and presents no risk to himself/herself, or to others; or
- The school has contacted the State Department of Health's Communicable Disease Program or local health department pediatric health consultant and is told that the child poses no health risk to others.

These restrictions apply to all students and staff members. If a child is exposed to any excludable communicable disease at the school, all parents will be notified. Certain excludable communicable diseases must be reported to the health department by the school.

A list of communicable diseases and guidelines, as specified by the NJ Department of Health, is attached.

Please note that Raab Montessori Academy maintains its own policy on head lice as follows. To prevent the continued spread of head lice, the child may be removed from the group to a separate area, and the parent/guardian may be notified to pick up the child from school. The child must be treated for head lice and show no signs of existing live bugs, or nits (eggs), before returning to school.

General Illness Policy

Children who exhibit any of the illnesses or symptoms listed below shall not be admitted to the school without a written note from a licensed physician, which indicates a medical diagnosis and that the child poses no serious health risk to himself/herself or to others, or without proof of appropriate treatment and free of symptoms. The illnesses or symptoms include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Severe pain or discomfort
- Acute diarrhea, characterized as twice the child's usual frequency of bowel movements with a change in stool to a looser consistency within a period of 24 hours
- Two or more episodes of acute vomiting within a period of 24 hours, or one episode in conjunction with another symptom or behavior change
- Elevated oral temperature of 101.5 degrees Fahrenheit, the child must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school
- Lethargy, or changes in behavior in conjunction with another symptom
- Sore throat or severe coughing
- Yellow eyes or jaundiced skin
- Red eyes with discharge
- Infected, untreated skin patches
- Difficult or rapid breathing
- Skin rashes, excluding diaper rash, lasting more than one day
- Weeping or bleeding skin lesions that have not been treated by a physician
- Swollen joints
- Visibly enlarged lymph nodes
- Stiff neck
- Blood in the urine
- Head lice, must be treated 24 hours prior and symptom-free before returning to school

If a child exhibits any of these illnesses or symptoms, while at the facility, the parent/guardian will be notified and the child will be removed from the group to a separate area until:

- The child is picked up from school (must be within 1.5 hours); or
- The Administrator, or designated staff member, has verbally communicated with a licensed physician, who indicates that the child poses no health risk to himself/herself or others. In this case, the child will return to the group.

Name of Child: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____