

NEFF Early Childhood Special Education Program – Illness Plan

Early childhood special education classrooms often have medically fragile children with health conditions that may result in serious consequences. Our goal is to maintain a classroom where all children have equitable access while healthy, safe and ready to learn. With that in mind here is our newly developed protocol for **STAYING HOME WHEN ILL.**

COVID – 19 Positive: Follow district COVID Protocol for reporting and isolation

Other General Symptoms: Child is sick due to another infectious illness or tests negative for COVID-19 – see below

STAY HOME: GENERAL ILLNESS	CAN RETURN TO SCHOOL WHEN
Fever of 100.4° F or above	Fever has ended for at least 48 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medication, before returning. (i.e., Tylenol) or ibuprofen (i.e., Motrin, Advil).
Vomiting (defined as vomiting one or more times within one day)	Vomiting has ended, and the child can hold down food/water, or a healthcare provider has determined their vomiting is not infectious or a student is diagnosed with norovirus - then they must be 2 days (48 hours) without vomiting before returning.
Diarrhea (defined as two loose bowel movements in one day)	Diarrhea has ended, or a healthcare provider has determined the diarrhea is not infectious, or a student is diagnosed with norovirus - they must be 2 days (48 hours) before returning.
Rash	Any rash with fever should be checked by a health care provider. They can return once the rash has a diagnosis and known to not be contagious, is being treated, or has healed.
Skin sores (if weeping or draining)	Can return if site is covered with a waterproof dressing and drainage is contained.
Lice, ringworm, or scabies	After receiving at least one dose of proper treatment.
Fifth Disease	Child does not need to stay home if they feel well.
Hand, foot, and mouth disease	If none of the blisters on the hands are draining or the drainage is contained, no exclusion is necessary.
Impetigo	After receiving at least one dose of treatment. Cover the lesions if possible.
Influenza	Fever has ended for at least 48 hours, without use of fever-reducing medication, prior to returning.
Mononucleosis	Return when able to tolerate school activity; no sports until cleared by healthcare provider.
MRSA	Keep area covered and drainage contained, otherwise does not need to stay home.
Pink Eye	Child does not need to stay home if they feel well.
Strep throat/Scarlet Fever	At least 12 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment.

NOTE: It is important to note that families and staff continue to report positive cases of any communicable diseases, including COVID-19, to their program teacher or main office. GLPS will communicate with the local health department about any outbreaks of a communicable disease within Neff EC or ECSE programs. GLPS will follow the BEDHD guidance for any other reportable communicable disease and subsequent exclusions they may recommend.