

**Hillel Day School Of Boca Raton
Early Childhood Education
Policy For Exclusion For Illness**

For the safety and health of all children at Hillel, the following guidelines have been developed.

A child is not permitted to attend school if he or she has:

- a temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. The child should be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school without the intervention of an antipyretic (e.g., Tylenol or Advil).
- conjunctivitis, an eye infection commonly referred to as “pink eye.” The white of the eye generally appears red, may have some burning or itching sensation and may secrete a discharge which is watery or thick with mucus and pus (causes eyelids to stick together). The child may return to school 48 hours after the initiation of treatment and when symptom free.
- a rash - until a health care provider determines that these symptoms do not indicate a communicable disease.
- untreated infectious skin patch(es), such as impetigo. Impetigo starts as red pimples, which eventually become fluid filled. When the blister breaks, the surface becomes raw and weeping, progressing to an encrusted stage. The lesions occur in moist areas of the body such as the crease of the neck, groin and underarm and on the face, hands or edge of diaper.
- diarrhea (more than one abnormally loose stool within a 24-hour period).
- vomiting.
- Pediculosis. **See Policy in next section.**
- a severe or persistent cough.
- a severe cold with fever, sneezing and/or nose drainage. **If the child is in the Early Childhood Education program and has nasal drainage which requires attention in excess of three (3) times in twenty (20) minutes, the child may not be in school.**
- any other unusual sign or symptom of illness. The child may look or act differently. He or she may be unusually pale, irritable, tired or uninterested in usual activities or eating.
- a contagious disease such as measles, chicken pox or mumps. **The child must have a doctor’s note indicating when he or she may return to school.**

***Note:** If an antibiotic is prescribed for an infectious illness, e.g., ear or throat infection, the child should not be brought to school until he or she has been on the medication for at least 24 hours.

Pediculosis Capitis (Head Lice) Exclusion Policy

When head lice or nits are detected in a child, the child is excluded from school. The child may not return to school until treatment with a medicated shampoo and until louse/nit free. The school nurse must evaluate the affected child before the child may return to class.

If the child has a recurrence of head lice, the child must be evaluated and treated at a professional head lice awareness and control agency. In addition, all family members and individuals residing within the child’s home must be checked at the agency. The child is readmitted to school upon certification from the agency that the child and household members are lice/nit free. The child must also be reevaluated at the agency weekly until lice/ nit free for two consecutive check-ups. This step is to ensure that the child and family are past the lice infestation period.

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At the time of head lice determination and/or recurrence, the nurse must also screen the classmates, siblings and any other contacts the child may have within the school for infestation. Parents are asked to inform other contacts outside the school.

In the unusual circumstance that a case of head lice is not controlled through the above interventions, the school nurse will consult with the head of school to determine a plan for further action.

When a child is ill and will not be attending school, the parent should call the office by 8:25 a.m. Children and teachers are concerned when a child is absent; also, other parents are notified if the class has been exposed to a contagious disease. The Child and Family Services monitor the existence of contagious diseases in the county and any instances are reported to them. As part of our mandate to protect children, the school is also required by law to report any suspicion of child abuse.

If a child presents any of the designated symptoms during the course of the school day or requires more attention than the teacher can provide without hurting the health and safety of the other children, that child's parent will be called and the child will be sent home immediately.

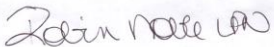
With most childhood diseases, children who have been exposed are not excluded from school, but everyone is alerted to watch for signs and symptoms. Children must remain at home while they have any signs of illness and for twenty-four (24) hours after the symptoms have disappeared. When children are in school they must be able to participate in all activities, including outdoor play. In the long run, less school is missed if early signs of an illness are heeded and the child remains at home to rest.

By observing good health standards, all children at Hillel are protected.

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