

Dear Parent/Guardian,

With the recent news headlines focusing on the large number of Enterovirus D68 cases and the approach of flu season, we want to take this opportunity to remind you of our student illness policy as stated in our handbook. We will be encouraging frequent handwashing and hand-sanitizing in our classrooms. We ask that you abide closely to this policy and feel free to contact the office, 831-9690, with any questions. Thank you.

~Milford Preschool Staff

**Taken from Page 17 of the Milford Preschool Parent Handbook  
GUIDELINES FOR ILLNESS AND MEDICAL CONCERNS**

Children perform best in a healthy, clean and managed environment where they feel rested. It is sometimes difficult to decide when and how long to keep an ill child home from school.

**DO I KEEP MY CHILD HOME FROM PRESCHOOL & EXTENDED DAY?**

Just reminders...DO NOT send your child to school if ANY of these signs or symptoms has occurred:

- Vomiting more than 2 times in 24 hours
- Elevated temperature (100° or higher)
- Repeated Diarrhea (more than 4 loose stools in 24 hours)
- Acute cold with thick nasal drainage, sore throat or persistent cough associated with a fever above 100°
- Unusual lethargic behavior
- Frequent asthma attacks that are not responsive to normal medication
- Untreated Head Lice

There will be times when it is difficult to tell when your child is too ill to go to school. Like adults, children have very different tolerances to discomfort or illness. Even the common cold affects everyone differently. If your child is coughing continuously, he or she will not be able to concentrate and will disrupt others in the classroom. A day of rest at home combined with lots of fluid speeds their recovery. If you decide to send your child to school when he or she is on the "borderline" of being ill, it is a good idea to call your school nurse or health aide. BE SURE to let the school know where you can be reached in case your child's condition worsens.

If your child is sent home with a fever above 100° or has vomited, the child is required to stay home the following day. The student may return when there has been no vomiting and no fever without the use of fever reducers for 24 hours.

When children become ill at school, the school clinician or other staff member will determine if the child is well enough to stay at school. If it is determined that the child is ill and should go home, then school personnel will contact the parents of the child to come and get him/her. State guidelines mandate that any child with the signs of communicable disease or illness must be immediately isolated. Parents will be notified immediately to come and pick up the child. If your child has been isolated for a communicable disease, please contact the school nurse in regard to a need for doctor's permission to return. Parent cooperation and understanding in this matter is appreciated.

**As recommended by the Clermont County Health District, if your child is diagnosed with the following, they may return to school as indicated:**

**Strep throat** – 24 hours or 3 doses of antibiotics, fever-free and physician's Return to School excuse.

**Pink eye (conjunctivitis)** – No exclusion necessary.

**Influenza** – Fever-free.