

Kids Ministry Sick Policy

Our Commitment to Health and Safety

To maintain a safe, clean, and healthy environment for all children, staff, and volunteer teachers, we ask parents to adhere to the following sick policy guidelines. Please keep your child at home if they display any signs of illness.

The 24-Hour Symptom-Free Rule

Children, staff, and volunteers **must be completely symptom-free for at least 24 hours** (without the use of fever-reducing or symptom-masking medication) before entering any Kids Ministry classroom.

Symptoms requiring a child to stay home include, but are not limited to:

- Fever or chills
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Nasal drainage with any color (green or yellow), even if on antibiotics
- Frequent sneezing, congestion, or persistent runny nose
- Coughing, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing
- Unusual fatigue or lethargy
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache or sore throat

Specific Illness Guidelines

Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye): Redness, burning, yellow/crusty drainage. Highly contagious; requires full resolution or medical clearance. Bronchitis: Fever, hoarseness, persistent cough. Must be free of coughing fits and fever. Hand, Foot & Mouth: Mouth sores, rash on hands/feet/diaper area. All sores must be fully dried and healed. Diarrhea: Must be free from loose stools for 24 hours.	Impetigo: Blisters or lesions with honey-colored crusts. Must be fully healed or cleared by a physician. Roseola: High fever followed by a pink body rash. Must be fever and symptom-free. Communicable Diseases: Keep home for Measles, Chicken Pox, Mumps, or other contagious conditions.
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Medication & Antibiotic Policy

If a doctor places a child on antibiotics, the child must complete at least **48 hours of treatment** before returning to Kids Ministry. In addition, colored nasal drainage must be resolved, even after 48 hours of antibiotic therapy.

General "Not Feeling Well" Clause

Even without explicit symptoms, a child may show subtle signs of illness such as unusual paleness, irritability, extreme tiredness, or lack of interest in activities. If a child appears unwell, we ask that they remain at home to rest and recover.

Parental Cooperation

Maintaining a healthy ministry environment is a shared responsibility. If a child displays symptoms while in our care, parents will be promptly paged to pick up their child. Thank you for your partnership and commitment to keeping our church community safe and healthy