

Sick Child Policy

If your child shows any of the following symptoms within 24 hours before Sunday morning, please do not bring your child or any other children in your household to Kids Ministry.

- o Fever or Chills
- o Vomiting
- o Congestion or runny nose, sneezing
- o Coughing, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- o Fatigue
- o Muscle or body aches
- o Headache
- o Sore throat
- o New loss of taste or smell
- o Conjunctivitis: an eye infection commonly referred to as “pink eye”. The edge is generally red with some burning and there is thick yellow drainage.
- o Bronchitis: this can begin with hoarseness, cough, and slight elevation in temperature. The cough may be dry and painful, but it gradually becomes productive.
- o Impetigo: a skin condition, which shows up as red pimples. These eventually become small blisters surrounded by a reddened area. When the blister breaks, the surface is raw and weeping. The lesions occur in moist areas of the body such as the creased area of the neck, underarm, groin, face, hands, or edge of diaper.
- o Diarrhea: watery or greenish bowel movements that look different and are much more frequent than usual.
- o With contagious diseases, a child must be kept at home. Some of these include: Measles, Chicken Pox, Mumps, and Roseola.
- o If a child appears sick without obvious symptoms; In this case, a child may look and act differently. There may be unusual paleness, irritability, unusual tiredness, or lack of interest.
- o If a doctor has placed a child on an antibiotic, the child should not be brought into Children’s Ministry until he/she has been taking antibiotics for at least 48 hours.
- o Drainage from their nose that has any color in it even if they have been on antibiotics for 48 hours.

Health concerns in our church are a very important issue. It will serve the best interests of the children for parents to be willing to adhere to these guidelines. If the childcare worker notices that a child is displaying symptoms of illness, the parents will be paged to pick up the child.