



Learning Tree Montessori Illness Policy

We realize that most of our parents are working parents, and we do try to accommodate you as much as possible. However, for the health and well-being of the children in our care and our staff, we feel it is vital to maintain a strict wellness policy. To ensure the continued good health of everyone at the school, any child who seems unable to participate in our program for any of the following reasons will be sent home. We will contact you (Parent/s) or your emergency contact (only if we cannot contact you) immediately. The child needs to be picked up with 40 Minutes of contacting the Parents/Emergency contact person.

Exclusion from care

Some circumstances may call for a child to be excluded from care at Learning Tree Montessori.

- The illness prevents the child from participating comfortably in activities (including outdoor play).
- The illness results in a greater need for care than caregivers can provide without compromising the health, safety, and supervision of the other children in care.
- The child has a temporal temperature of 100.0 degrees or greater.
- The child has an oral temperature of 100.4 degrees or greater.
- The child has an under-arm temperature of 99.4 degrees or greater.
- The child is lethargic.
- The child is breathing abnormally.
- The child has diarrhea.
- The child has a rash with a fever.
- The child has mouth sores and is drooling.
- The child has two or more vomiting episodes in 24 hours.
- The child's behavior changes, or the child exhibits other signs that the child may be severely ill.
- A health-care professional has diagnosed the child with an infectious disease, and the child does not have medical documentation to indicate that the child is no longer contagious.
- If the fever spikes or your child shows other signs of illness, we have the authorization to take the child to the emergency room or call 911 at your expense.
- **COVID-19 & Respiratory Viruses – If your child is showing symptoms of Covid-19/Respiratory Viruses or when the onset of symptoms appear, please keep your child home for a minimum of 3 days as per our school policy for safety and well-being of all children and staff , these symptoms can include fever, chills, fatigue, cough, runny nose and headache, among others.**

Child can go back to normal activities when, for at least 24 hours, both are true:

- o Symptoms are getting better overall, **and**
- o Children / Child have not had a fever (and are not using fever-reducing medication).

Please do not request that we exclude your child from outdoor play and/or physical education. Such a request is not possible for us to honor without jeopardizing the safety and quality of care during the outdoor time for other children.

When a Child Becomes Ill While in Care

If anyone of the previously listed signs or symptoms occur, the following procedure will be followed:

- The child will be removed from the classroom and taken to the sick room.
- The child's parents will be called to pick him/her up.
- The parent will have a maximum of 40 minutes to pick up their child.
- If the fever spikes or your child shows other signs of illness, we have the authorization to take the child the emergency room or call 911 at the parent's expense.

The child will be given appropriate attention and supervision until the child's parents arrive.

- Extra attention will be given to hand washing and sanitation.
- The environment will be disinfected and sanitized as soon as possible.

Readmitting a Previously Ill Child

A child sent home due to a contagious illness or contagious disease **must obtain a doctor's note stating the child's condition**, that the child is no longer contagious, and a statement that the child will be able to attend school. In the case of temperature or other minor symptoms, the child must be temperature and symptom-free 24 hours before the childcare facility can readmit the child.

I have read the above information and agree to the terms of illness policies.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

