

A Giants Preschool Post Pandemic Illness Policy

***It is recommended that you take your child's temperature and know the answers to the questions every morning prior to getting dressed and leaving the house.*

Parents must honestly answer the following questions DAILY before a child can be admitted to Childcare Facility:

1. Do you live with anyone or have you had close contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past 14 days?
2. Do you or anyone in your household have a fever, cough and/or shortness of breath, runny nose or sneezing?
3. Do you or your child(ren) have any other signs of communicable illness such as a cold or flu?
4. Have you or your children experienced any changes in your sense of taste or smell?

Children arriving to school who have a temperature of 99.5 F or higher shall not be admitted for the day (even if it is not yet 100.1). Anyone who answers yes to any of the questions listed above OR are showing other signs of illness **shall not be admitted into the facility.**

Additionally, if your child shows any of these symptoms, he/she MUST be excluded from childcare:

Fever: temperature of **100.1** Fahrenheit

Uncontrolled Diarrhea: 3 bowel movements, which are loose and or uncontained compared to the child's normal pattern or 2 consecutive days of diarrhea

Vomiting: ANY vomiting unless a doctor's note is on file due to a medical condition

Unexplained Rash: Any place on the body not including minor diaper rash.

***Young children get colds, and runny noses it's a fact! However, if there is **green drainage from the nose or severe coughing spells** please exclude your child from care as this is contagious to other children and disruptive to their day.

We ask that you promptly pick your child up after receiving a call from us within the following 30- 60 minutes. Please keep in mind that the longer you take to pick up your child the more you are putting other children and teachers at risk.

Any illness that causes your child not to physically participate in the regular events of the day including outdoor play, excludes them from attending school.

When can my child return to childcare?

Your child can return to school when:

- A physician says the symptoms are not contagious and your child may return to school.

****Any child absent longer than 3 school days due to illness cannot return to school without a note from the Doctor.**

If your child becomes infected by a contagious disease, please notify us immediately so we can notify other parents of the symptoms to look for due to possible exposure. **By law we are required to notify other parents of the disease but NOT of who has it and we will respect the family's confidentiality.**

Medication Policy

Strict Childcare regulations enforced by the State of Maryland, prohibits any provider to administer medications of any kind unless the **Doctor** completes the Permission to Administer Medication Form for each medication prescribed including any over-the-counter medications, teething gels etc. Topical creams such as sunscreens, diaper creams are excluded but require a signed permission slip before we can administer. All medications and topical creams must be provided by parents.