

## **8. Health & Immunizations**

8.1 CCS endorses and engages in preventative health practices in order to decrease the incidences of illness and spread of disease. This includes the right to assess the health of the child upon entry or at any time throughout the program.

8.2 Enrolling parents are required to disclose their child's history and medical information.

8.2.1 A child with an anaphylactic allergy must be identified by the enrolling parent prior to enrollment or as soon as the allergy is diagnosed, and must follow our Anaphylaxis Policy.

8.2.2 Parents must provide a copy of their child's immunization record prior to starting in the Centre.

8.2.2.1 Enrolling parents must disclose any immunization updates to the Sr. Educator.

8.2.2.2 If the enrolling parents have not immunized, or chosen not to immunize, their child, an Immunization Agreement must be signed. The Immunization Agreement indicates that a parent must exclude their child from the program when a communicable disease is identified in the Centre.

8.2.2.3 The enrolling parent may also be required to take their child to the doctor for assessment when symptoms displayed may be those of illnesses which the child has not been immunized against. A doctor's note stating that the child is not contagious will be required to return to the Centre.

8.2.3 Parents are required to notify the Centre of any communicable disease that their child is exposed to or contracts within 24 hours.

8.3 A child is deemed sick by Centre employees through the use of the following criteria: the comfort and safety of the child who is sick, CCS' ability to accommodate or care for a sick child in the group care context, the child's ability to participate in normal activities of the Centre, and the protection of the other children, families, and employees in our Centres.

8.3.1 A child is too ill to attend CCS if:

- a) the child has an acute cold with a fever, runny nose, runny eyes, green mucus discharge, persistent coughing, or sore throat;
- b) the child has difficulty breathing or is wheezing;
- c) the child complains of unexplained or undiagnosed pain;
- d) the child has a fever of 100.4F/38C or higher;
- e) the child has an ongoing sore throat or difficulty swallowing;
- f) the child has infected skin or eyes or an undiagnosed rash;
- g) the child has a headache and/or a stiff neck;
- h) the child has diarrhea or a loose stool (2 loose stools in succession within 3 hours);
- i) the child is vomiting;
- j) the child is severely itching their body or scalp;
- k) the child has any communicable disease or symptoms of one;
- l) the child is clearly demonstrating abnormal behaviour and is unable to participate in group care;
- m) the child has received fever reducing/over-the-counter medication to reduce any of the above symptoms at home or on the way to the Centre.

- 8.4 Parents are required to notify the Centre of any communicable disease that their child is exposed to or contracts within 24 hours.
- 8.4.1 Employees will post a notice that a child has been exposed to a disease or contracted a disease in an effort to minimize its spread.
- 8.5 CCS employees will care for a child who becomes ill in our Centres while waiting for the parent or emergency contact person to arrive.
- 8.5.1 Parents will be notified immediately of their child's illness and immediate pick-up will be requested.
- 8.5.2 In the event that the child becomes seriously ill, emergency first aid will be administered by an employee, and a College OFA will be called for support.
- 8.5.3 In the event that the parent cannot be reached, an employee will contact the emergency contact person listed on the registration form.
- 8.6 The child may return to the Centre, in consultation with an employee, after an illness provided that:
- 8.6.1 The child has received an antibiotic for 24 hours and there are no related symptoms;
- 8.6.2 The child has been symptom free for 24 hours and is no longer contagious;
- 8.6.3 The parent provides a note from a qualified medical practitioner indicating that the child is free of illness.
- 8.7 CCS employees may administer medication (prescription or non-prescription) to a child provided that it can be administered to children under the age of 6.
- 8.7.1 Medication will only be given to a child with a doctor's written instruction and/or the original container from the pharmacy and a Permission to Administer Medication (PAM) form filled out by the enrolling parent.
- 8.7.2 The employees will follow the instructions on the PAM form (after verifying with the original container's instructions/doctors' prescription) and keep a written log of the medication's administration.
- 8.7.3 The medication will be stored in a locked cabinet out of the reach of children unless a child requires access for self-medication.
- 8.7.4 CCS employees may consult with the prescribing physician and/or other qualified medical personnel where, in their judgment, there is reasonable concern as to the appropriateness of administering the medication supplied by the parent. Such consultation may result in a refusal to administer medication.
- 8.8 Medical conditions/diagnoses requiring regular administration at the centre require a Health & Safety Care Plan and are to include direction from the prescribing physician and/or interdisciplinary team.
- 8.9 Care Plans are to be developed in accordance with the Health & Safety Care Plan Policy.