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Subject : Exclusion for Illness Policy

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### **Policy**

In order to ensure the health and safety of all children, parents and staff will comply with Early Head Start exclusion guidelines for ill children and adults. Children and adults who have any of the following conditions will be excluded from the classroom until either the child has been free of symptoms for 24 hours, or we receive communication from the individual's medical provider stating that they are no longer contagious. The following list covers the common illnesses, but is not inclusive of all reasons for exclusion,

1. Fever
  - (A) Oral Temperature of above 101 degrees and accompanied by behavior changes or other signs  
or symptoms of illness
  - (B) Rectal temperature of above 102 degrees and accompanied by behavior changes or other signs  
or symptoms of illness;
  - (C) Armpit temperature of above 100 degrees and accompanied by behavior changes or other signs  
or symptoms of illness;
2. Difficulty or rapid breathing, or untreated wheezing
3. Rash- with fever or behavioral changes
4. Vomiting- (two or more times) green or bloody, and/or two or more times during the previous 24 hours
5. Diarrhea- stools with blood, or two or more times uncontrolled, unformed stools that cannot be contained
6. Persistent thick yellow pus or mucus draining from the eyes
7. The illness prevents the child from participating comfortably in activities
8. The ill child requires more care than the staff can give, which may result in compromising care for other children
9. Keeping the child in care poses an increased risk to the child or to other children or adults with whom the child will come in contact
10. Appears to be severely ill
11. An unusual yellow coloring to the skin and eyes (call or see your doctor)
12. Lice or nits (*see head lice policy*)

Children who have been diagnosed with a communicable disease may not return to the EHS center without a note from his/her health care provider.

Parents who feel their child is too ill to participate in outdoor activities should be advised to keep the child home for an extra day to insure a complete recovery. If a chronic health condition limits outdoor participation in outdoor activities, a plan will be developed in partnership with the parent and that child's healthcare provider.

If staff is unsure about a child's condition or if a child brought into the classroom is suspected to be ill, the Health Mgr. or Management should be notified and make final decision about the need for exclusion from the classroom. For children's comfort and to reduce the risk of contagion, children should be picked up immediately and up to 1 hour of notification.