

Area:	Health Services
Subject:	HS02 - Conditions of Short-Term Exclusion and Admittance
Reference:	1304.22(b); 1304.22(b)(1)(r)(3), Title 22
Policy:	SCOE, Delegate and Partner agencies must temporarily exclude a child with short-term injury or an acute short-term contagious illness when keeping the child in care possesses a significant risk to the health or safety of the child or anyone they contact. A child will not be denied program admission solely on the basis of his or her health-care needs or medication requirements.

Procedure:

1. At enrollment the Daily Health Check and Exclusion Policy will be given to all parents/guardians.
2. Daily, Educators shall require the adult bringing the child to the Center/FCCH to remain until the Health Check of the child is completed. Educators should check the child and/or ask the adult about the following:
 - Gastro-intestinal – nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain within the last 24 hours
 - Throat and neck – red, inflamed tonsils with white spots, severe sore throat, swollen glands with fever
 - Eyes – yellow or green colored discharge, severe eye pain, swollen eyelids
 - Skin – rashes, spots, eruptions, etc.
 - Hair – live lice/nits, infected areas on scalp
 - Nose and ears – discharge **with additional symptoms** such as fever, coughing or “extreme” tiredness/lethargy. (Note: a “runny” nose with no other symptoms is not a reason to exclude)
 - Temperature – fever over 100 degrees F within the last 24 hours
 - Additional attention shall be paid to children who:
 - a. have been absent because of illness
 - b. have been exposed to a contagious disease
3. Child with obvious sign of illness as indicated above will not be accepted. When appropriate, the Educator or Designated Health Staff will encourage the parent to take the child to a doctor or medical facility. Children who are excluded may return when symptoms have disappeared or parent/guardian brings doctor’s signed/dated note that child is not contagious/cleared to return to the program.
4. Children who have been excluded for lice and/or nits will not be allowed to return until all nits are removed from the hair.
5. Some medical and mental health conditions can cause symptoms like the ones listed above that are not a result of any contagion (e.g.: stress, G-tubes, anti-biotic use, seasonal allergies, etc.). It is important to be aware of any symptoms listed in the child’s individual health care plan as well as to have open communication with the parent/guardian and child’s health care provider if needed to ensure that the child is not being needlessly excluded.
6. Attendance policy per each Delegate, Partner and Grantee Operated agency will be implemented regarding any child with extended absenteeism. Parents/Guardians are to inform Educators of any special health accommodations that the program may be

required to provide.

7. "Common Childhood Illness" handout may be given to Parents/Guardians of children diagnosed by a physician for educational purposes.

Supervised by: Site Supervisor/Master Teacher/CC Specialist

Performed by: Educators

Forms needed: Daily Health Check handout, Health History/ Nutrition Assessment, IHCP, Common Childhood Illness handout, Parent Handbook, Staff Training, Family Case Notes, Child Attendance Plan, Case Conference form

Frequency: At enrollment; ongoing, daily, as needed