

## **Infection Control Policy 2021**

It is inevitable that children will get sick, no matter where they are. As children begin to have contact with the world around them, they come into contact with viruses and bacteria that are foreign to their bodies. This is the way they build up their immunities. We cannot shield a child completely; however we do want to protect a child from an unusually high exposure to germs all at once.

In the Club setting, children are in contact with many other children. It is in this situation that the illness of one child can spread rapidly through the rest of the group and the staff as well if stringent measures to prevent this spread are not taken.

For this reason, the staff at the center will take constant precautions to prevent the spread of disease. Many common childhood diseases are contagious. They are caused by germs which may be spread through coughs, sneezes, and runny noses. Other diseases are spread through direct contact. Careful hand washing by staff and children can eliminate approximately 75% of the risk of spreading these illnesses. Other precautions include separating sick children from those who are well and working to maintain sanitary conditions throughout the center.

You, the parents, can help us in our effort to keep your children healthy. We ask for your cooperation in the following ways:

1. If your child has been exposed to any diseases listed on the accompanying chart, we ask that you notify us of the exposure within the 24 hrs. or by the next business day.
2. If your child shows any of the following symptoms you will be called and asked to come immediately. If your child has any of the following symptoms at home, we ask that you keep them out of day care until the symptoms are gone or a physician says it's ok to return.

The symptoms include:

**A fever greater than 100 F**

Severe coughing-child gets red or blue in the face

High-pitched croupy or whooping sounds after coughing

**Difficult or rapid breathing**

Yellowish skin or eyes

Pinkeye – tears, redness of eye lining, followed by swelling and discharge

Unusual spots or rashes

Sore throat or trouble swallowing

Infected skin patches

Crusty, bright yellow, dry, or gummy areas of skin- accompanied by fever

Unusually dark, tea colored urine-especially with a fever

Grey or white stool

Stiff neck

**Vomiting**

Severe itching of body or scalp or scratching of the scalp

**Additional COVID-19 signs**

**Muscle or body aches**

**Loss of taste or smell**

It is imperative that we all work together to keep all of the children who attend the center as healthy and happy as possible. We thank you for your cooperation.

**Parent Infectious Control Policy Agreement**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the infection control policies, and I agree to abide by them for the protection of my child as well as the other children and staff members at the Boys & Girls Club.

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Date

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Signature of parent or guardian

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Staff Initials