

Archway Programs
Just Kids Program
Sick Child/ Communicable Disease Policy

The health and safety of children attending JUST KIDS is of primary concern to our staff. Just Kids must abide by all state regulations summarized below.

Please Note:

- Medication: Medication administration will only be made for children with special needs if failure to take the medication would jeopardize the child's health or prevent the child from attending childcare. Ex: inhalers and Epi-Pens. If your child fits into this category, there are additional procedures to be completed prior to enrollment. These procedures and forms can be obtained by calling Just Kids or on our website. *Please note: We do not have access to medications given to the school nurse.*
- No child who has displayed illness during the school day or at the time of program opening will be admitted to the program.

Just Kids health practices include:

- Exclusion of children and staff with infectious diseases until the contagion is no longer present.
- Frequent hand washing by staff and children.
- Appropriate handling of foods.

If a child exhibits any of the following symptoms, the child **can not attend** the center. If such symptoms occur at the center, the child will be removed from the group, made comfortable and parents will be called to take the child home.

- Severe pain of discomfort
- Acute diarrhea
- Episodes of acute vomiting
- Lethargy
- Severe coughing
- Yellow eyes or jaundiced skin
- Red eyes with discharge
- Infected, untreated skin patches
- Difficult or rapid breathing
- Skin rashes in conjunction with fever or behavior changes
- Mouth sores with drooling
- Stiff neck

Once the child is symptom-free, or has a health care provider's note stating that the child no longer poses a serious health risk to himself/herself or others, the child may return to the center unless contraindicated by local health department or Department of Health.

EXCLUDABLE COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

A child or staff member who contracts an excludable communicable disease may not return to the center without a health care provider's note stating that the child presents no risk to himself/herself or others. Just Kids reserves the right to require a physician's note to have a child return in other cases of health risks as well.

Note: If a child has chicken pox, a note from the parent stating that all sores have dried and crusted is required.

If a child is exposed to any excludible disease at the center, parents will be notified in writing.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORTING GUIDELINES

Some excludable communicable diseases must be reported to the health department by the center. The Department of Health's Reporting Requirements for Communicable Diseases and Work Related Conditions Quick Reference Guide, a complete list of reportable excludable communicable disease, can be found at:

http://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/reportable_disease_magnet.pdf.

TABLE OF EXCLUDABLE COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

<u>Respiratory Illnesses</u>	<u>Gastrointestinal Illnesses</u>	<u>Contact Illnesses</u>
Chicken Pox*	Campylobacter*	Impetigo
German Measles*	Escherichia coli*	Lice
Hemophilus Influenza*	Giardia Lamblia*	Scabies
Measles*	Hepatitis A*	Shingles
Meningococcus*	Salmonella*	
Mumps*	Shigella*	
Strep Throat		
Tuberculosis*		
Whooping Cough*		

*REPORTABLE DISEASES THAT WILL BE REPORTED TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BY THE CENTER.