

**SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

HEALTH CONTRACT

Southeast Community College Child Development Center has the responsibility to keep the spreading of illness to a minimum. We take the following steps to ensure this:

- *We require staff and children to wash hands upon entering the Center.*
- *Staff and children wash hands regularly throughout the day.*
- *We disinfect toys and equipment regularly.*
- *Our bathrooms get cleaned two or three times per day.*
- *We require documentation of immunizations prior to a child's enrollment, with annual up-dates.*
- *We post notes for parents if any communicable disease occurs at Southeast Community College Child Development Center.*

We strictly and consistently enforce our Health Policy.

We feel these precautions will assist in safe guarding your child from illness. We also require your help by keeping ill children at home and immediately picking up your child should he/she become ill. The criteria for illness was selected with the contagion of illness and comfort of children in mind.

Any child found to be ill cannot be given care that day.

Southeast Community College Child Development Center requires you make arrangements to keep your child home when he/she has any of the following:

- *Fever of 100 degrees or more (axillary reading/under the arm)*
- *Vomiting*
- *Undiagnosed rash*
- *Draining of ears or open sores*
- *Any symptoms of possible infectious disease (such as red mattery eyes)*
- *Two (2) watery stools in a 24 hour period or one (1) **uncontained** bout.*
- *A chesty, croupy, or constant cough, or wheezing.*
- *Mouth sores with drooling.*
- *Misery with a cold. Including mattery, watery eyes, running nose, sore throat or other physical symptoms.*
- *Inability to cope in group situation because of not feeling well or feeling "under the weather."*

- (1) Definition of fever: Any child who has a fever of 100 degrees (axillary) or more will be sent home and should remain home until he/she has been **fever free for 24 hours without medication.** If your child has a fever which has been recurring more than 48 hours (goes down with medicine then back up again when medicine wears off) child will be sent home and we'll recommend consultation with a physician. We are not able to administer medicine to regulate a child's temperature. If acetaminophen or ibuprofen is prescribed for pain, the container's label must reflect dosage for your child's age. **If label reads: "if under age ___ consult physician" we must have a doctor's note stating dosage amount and reason for administering.**
- (2) Definition of Diarrhea: Loose, watery, or uncontained bowel movement. Uncontained meaning leaks out of diaper or child is not able to control enough to use the toilet. Should the following occur, two (2) per day or one (1) uncontained, the child will be sent home and we ask he/she not be brought back until having a solid bowel movement at home. **Bowel movements must continue to be solid when returning.**
- (3) Head Lice: If a case of head lice is discovered the child will be sent home immediately and can return after successful treatment, meaning when there are no live nits. Our office has helpful detailed information regarding treatment and infestation prevention. It's crucial to report any case of an enrolled child's head lice to our Center so we can take immediate steps to prevent infestation. We respect your right to privacy and will ensure your family and child will remain anonymous.

There may be cases when it will be necessary to present a doctor's note to indicate an illness is no longer infectious. Staff may recommend you consult with your child's physician. **The final decision whether to exclude a child from care is made by the Child Care Center's staff.**

I have read the illness criteria and agree to follow it in determining when to keep my child home. I understand it is important that children be removed from the Center if ill to limit the spreading of germs to other children and staff.

I agree to pick up my child when he/she becomes ill at the Center within one hour after I am contacted and agree to keep my child home until he or she has been symptom free, without medication, for 24 hours.

Up-dated 4/09/08

Child's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____