

A CHILD WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS OR BEHAVIORS IS A SICK CHILD AND MUST BE EXCLUDED FROM KOALA BEAR CHILD CARE.

Sickness/Disease	Period of Exclusion
Chicken Pox	Until the child is no longer infectious, lesions need to be crusted over
Vomiting 2 or more times in 24 hours	Until child is no longer vomiting – Must be symptom free for 24 hours and able to participate in daily activities
Diarrhea (Infections) 2 or more abnormal stools, since arrival or 1 uncontrollable diarrhea	Until diarrhea has stopped. Child must have a normal stool or been diarrhea-free for 24 hours before returning
Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)	For bacterial infection – child must be excluded until a physician has examined the child and until child has completed 24 hours of treatment. If excretion is still bad, child must stay out for 48 hours.
Any bacterial infection such as strep throat or impetigo	Until child has been treated with antibiotics for 24 hours.
Unexplained lethargy	Until child seems more “back to normal” and can participate in daily activities including going outside.
Head lice, Ringworm or Scabies that is untreated and contagious to others	After 24 hours of treatment, with lice child can return after successful treatment and must be lice and nit free.
A temperature of 101 degrees auxiliary or higher or a temperature of 100 degrees auxiliary if accompanied by other symptoms of illness such as diarrhea or vomiting	Must be fever-free for 24 hours without fever reducing medicine . Child must be well enough to participate in normal daily activities. If child has a bacterial infection that requires antibiotics, child must be treated for 24 hours before returning.
An undiagnosed rash or a rash attributable to a contagious illness	Until seen by a physician and accompanied by a note
Significant respiratory distress or thick yellow-green mucus	Until child’s breathing is back to normal and/or diagnosed and treated by a doctor (such as a nebulizer)
Not able to participate in Koala Bear activities with reasonable comfort	Until child is comfortable enough to participate in all activities, including going outside
A child requiring more care than the program staff can provide without compromising the health and safety of other children in the day care	Until the child can participate in all activities, without extra care.

Note: If the child is sent home and is seen by a doctor in the same day, the child may return if no infection is determined and the child is able to participate in activities. The child must have a doctor’s note to return on the same day as exclusion.

The director and teachers will use their discretion when sending home sick children.

These policies are derived directly from the State of Minnesota Child Care Licensing Division and the Minnesota Department of Health.