

Health Policies- 2021-22

The policies below have been revised to reflect current pandemic situations and apply to all children and staff. Violations of the health policies may result in forfeiture of enrollment.

The Willow School does not provide sick childcare.

If your child exhibits any symptoms below he/she should not be brought to school:

Fever	All children and staff will be screened prior to entrance of the building, and shall be excluded if they have a fever above 100.4. Anyone with a fever should be fever-free for 72 hours <u>without fever reducing medication</u> before returning to school. If the child develops a fever of 100.4 or higher during the school day, parents will be contacted and the child will need to be picked up within one hour. If the child is sent home with fever during the school day they cannot return to school until they are fever-free for 72 hours.
Influenza(flu)	Influenza (flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. Any person with a positive influenza diagnosis must be excluded from the school for 7 days from the diagnosis.
Pinkeye	The child should be on medication for 48 hours, have no runny discharge and be clearly responding to the treatment before returning to school.
Strep Throat	The child should return only after 48 hours on medication. The child must be showing signs of improvement and be willing to eat and drink.
Diarrhea and/or vomiting	The child should not come to school until he/she has had no diarrhea or vomiting for 48 hours and is eating normally.
Hand, Foot & Mouth Disease	The child should not return to school until they are fever free for at least 72 hours and all sores are scabbed over.
Runny noses/ Coughs	If your child's runny nose will require frequent attention from the teacher or if the child is irritable or running a fever or if mucus is any color other than clear he/she should not come to school.
Head Lice	The child may return to school when free of ALL nits. In order to remove nits, it is usually necessary for the child's hair to be well combed with a special nit removal comb after treatment with the medicated shampoo. Guidelines for treatment of head lice are available from the Director or from your county health department.

The above list is not exhaustive. In order to protect other children and staff from becoming ill, children will be sent home if they are exhibiting symptoms and obviously not feeling well. Children returning to school should be symptom free. The school will follow the policies above regardless of recommendations from doctor's office. Classroom teachers have full authority to apply this policy and will inform parents if their child is ill and needs to be removed from school.

By keeping children home when they are ill, the spread of illness among our school community is greatly reduced. This means fewer illnesses for children, teachers, parents, and other family members, fewer visits to the doctor, and fewer days lost from work for parents and staff.

If your child becomes sick while at school you will be called to take him/her home. While awaiting parent's arrival the sick child will rest on a cot in the lobby or other supervised area. Sick children should be picked up no later than 1 hour after notification by the school that the child is sick. If the parent notified cannot be at the school by the end of 1 hour, other arrangements should be made for the child's pick up. If we cannot reach a parent, we will notify the emergency contact person(s) listed on your enrollment application.

Communicable Diseases

Any time a child or employee is ill with a contagious disease, they should remain at home until such time as they are no longer contagious. When an enrolled child or an employee of the center has a reportable disease, it is our legal responsibility to notify the local Board of Health or Department of Public Health. We take care to notify families via email and/or printed letter about exposure so children can receive preventive treatments. Included among the reportable illnesses are the following:

- Bacterial Meningitis
- Botulism
- Chicken Pox
- Diphtheria
- Hemophilus Influenza (invasive)
- Measles (including suspect)
- Meningococcal Infection (invasive)
- Poliomyelitis (including suspect)
- Rabies (human only)
- Rubella Congenital and Non-congenital (including suspect)
- Tetanus (including suspect)
- H1N1 Virus
- Any cluster/outbreak of illness

Medications

It is the general policy of the school not to dispense medicine except in life-threatening situations. In these circumstances the following guidelines must be met:

Prescription Drugs:

1. Before any prescription medicine is dispensed, a written and signed authorization must be provided that includes date, name of child, name of medicine, prescription number (this must *always* be included), dosage, date, and time of day medication is given.
2. Medicine must be in its original container labeled with the child's name.
3. Parents must provide and label any necessary equipment for the dispensing of the medicine.
4. Teachers will pay attention for any adverse reactions and note them on the medication authorization form. Parents will be notified immediately if their child has an adverse reaction to a medication.

Non-prescription medications

Non-prescription medication (Advil, Tylenol, Benadryl, etc.) will not be dispensed without written instruction by the child's pediatrician. Non-prescription medication shall not be administered for

more than a 3-day period unless a written order by the physician is received. A medication authorization form must be filled out by parents before any medication can be dispensed.

Non-prescription topical ointments

The Enrollment Agreement includes a section for the authorization of the administration of non-prescription topical ointments, such as diaper cream, sunscreen and insect repellent. The school will not administer these items unless authorized by the parent on the Agreement.