

Columbia Children's Center
Guidelines for Excluding Children & Staff with Illness

Symptom/Diagnosis	When Child will be sent home/excluded	When Child may return
Child/Staff Has COVID Symptoms Fever 100.4 Persistent Cough Shortness of Breath/difficulty breathing	Immediately	When child has been symptom free, without fever reducing medication for 48 hours
Child/Staff Has Been in Contact with someone under Quarantine for a suspected case of COVID-19	Cannot attend until 14 days after contact or after contact person has been tested and proven to be NOT positive.	Cannot attend until 14 days after contact or after contact person has been tested and proven to be NOT positive.
Child/Staff Has Been in Contact with someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19	Cannot attend until 14 days after contact	Cannot attend until 14 days after contact
Chicken Pox	When lesions are noticed or present	When all lesions are dried and crusted. Typically takes 6+ days
Cold Symptoms Runny Nose Stuff Nose Sneezing Watery eyes	If accompanied by Fever (see fever criteria)	When exclusion criteria is resolved or with a doctor's note stating the child is not contagious
Diarrhea	After 2 occurrences within a 24 hour period	When diarrhea subsides for 24 hours
Diaper Rash	If sores are oozing and leak body fluid outside the diaper	When exclusion criteria is resolved
Hand, Foot & Mouth Syndrome	When lesions are noticed or present	When exclusion criteria is resolved or with a doctor's note stating the child is not contagious
Head Lice	When nits/eggs are noticed or present	When exclusion criteria is resolved
Irritability	If irritability cannot be redirected and/or prevents child from being able to participate	When child is able to be redirected
Itching	If itching is suspected to be caused by any of the following: Scabies, Impetigo or Ringworm	When exclusion criteria is resolved or with a doctor's note stating the child is not contagious
Lethargy	If lethargy prevents participation	When exclusion criteria is resolved
Mouth Sores	When sores cause drooling	When exclusion criteria is resolved or with a doctor's note stating the child is not contagious
Pink Eye (Conjunctivitis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When discharge is noticed • Pinkish/red swollen or irritated eyes 	When exclusion criteria is resolved or with a doctor's note stating the child is not contagious, unless, at least 5 days has passed and no visible sign of infection
Rash	When unidentified rash is noticed and is accompanied by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behavior change • Fever • Has oozing/open wound • Child is unable to participate 	When exclusion criteria is resolved or with a doctor's note stating the child is not contagious
Strep Throat	If child has a positive strep culture	After at least 24 hours of antibiotic medicine
Vomiting	After 2 occurrences within a 24 hour period	When vomiting subsides for 24 hours