



Child Illness

When a child becomes ill at school, a YCP staff member contacts the child's parent, legal guardian, or other person authorized to pick up the child from school. It is expected that the child will be picked up as soon as possible following notification. Illness is assumed if the condition prevents the child from participating comfortably in activities or creates a greater need for care than the staff can provide without compromising the health and safety of other children.

If it is suspected that a child's condition is contagious and requires exclusion from others, the child is made comfortable in a location where he or she is supervised by a familiar caregiver until the parent arrives.

Children are not to attend the YCP during a contagious period when they have communicable diseases such as roseola, measles, chicken pox, or when they have had any of the following symptoms within the previous 24 hours:

- A fever of 101 or higher
- Signs of a newly developing cold or persistent cough
- Diarrhea (two abnormal stools), vomiting, or an upset stomach
- Unusual or unexplained loss of appetite, fatigue, irritability or headache
- Any discharge or drainage from eyes, nose, ears or open sores (conjunctivitis, impetigo)
- Nits or live lice
- Untreated conditions: pinworm, scabies, or ringworm

(Parents will be contacted and are expected to pick up a child who becomes ill with any of these symptoms while at school.)

Information on communicable diseases common to school age children is shared annually. Families are notified as soon as possible (within 24 hours or the next school day after the program is informed) if their child is exposed to a communicable disease. Parents are required to inform the school within 24 hours or the next school day after their child or any member of the immediate household has developed any reportable communicable disease. In both cases, life-threatening diseases must be reported immediately.