



Apple Academy Learning Center

1845 and 1847 Main Street ▪ Centerville, MN 55038

Sick Children Policy

We will strictly enforce the policies that are outlined herein. If you have any questions, please contact the center before sending your child child care. We are mandated by the State of Minnesota to adhere to the policies herein. State regulations regarding sick children and when they must be excluded from a licensed child care center are law, and we are required by law to abide by these regulations. Apple Academy and its staff are committed to providing a safe and healthy environment. We appreciate your help with these policies.

If your child is sent home due to any of the illnesses or symptoms listed below, please do not bring your child back to Apple Academy until the child has been on prescription medication for 24 hours. **If the child is not taking prescription medication, the child must be completely symptom free for 24 hours, without fever reducing medication**, before returning to child care. We will not admit a child who is sent home until 24 hours have passed.

Children with any of the following conditions or behaviors are considered “sick” and must be excluded from a center not licensed to operate a sick care program:

1. A child with a reportable illness that is contagious and poses a health risk to others;
2. A child with chicken pox, until the child is no longer infectious, or until the lesions have crusted over;
3. A child who has vomited one or more times since admission that day;
4. A child who has three or more abnormally loose stools since admission that day;
5. A child who has a contagious conjunctivitis or pus draining from the eye;
6. A child who has a bacterial infection, such as a streptococcal pharyngitis or impetigo and has not completed 24 hours of antimicrobial therapy;
7. A child who has unexplained lethargy;
8. A child who has lice, ringworm, or scabies that is untreated and contagious to others, (We have a no nit policy regarding head lice).
9. A child who has a 100 degree Fahrenheit axillary or higher temperature of undiagnosed origin before fever reducing medication is given;
10. A child who has an undiagnosed rash, accompanied with a fever;
11. A child who has significant respiratory distress;
12. A child who is not able to participate in child care program activities with reasonable comfort; or
13. A child who requires more care than the program staff can provide without compensating the health and safety of other children in care.

If your child is sent home with any of the symptoms listed above, and you take your child to a physician and receive a diagnosis, please contact Apple Academy immediately so that we can inform you of our exclusion policy regarding your child’s illness. We also want to notify other parents if a child has been seen by a physician and diagnosed with a contagious illness. We have a guideline for all illnesses, prepared by the County Health Department and widely used in child care settings. When a question arises, we will contact our health consultant, Barbara Stoll, of Health Consultants for Child Care. Her decision regarding exclusion will be final. You may be asked to provide a doctor’s note before your child may return to child care.

I understand that it is difficult to take time off from work to care for a sick child. However, if we all make the decision to adhere to these guidelines, I truly believe in the long run, everyone will miss fewer days of work because we’ll be able to stop the germs from spreading. If you have any questions about these policies, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Renee and Kari