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<p>FEVER, ACCOMPANIED BY BEHAVIOR CHANGE OR OTHER SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS (sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea)</p> <p>Fever is defined as having a temperature of 100°F or higher taken under the arm or an oral temperature of 101°F or greater.</p>	<p>Exclude until the child is fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing measures or until a medical exam indicates the child may return.</p> <p>NOTE! Digital thermometers should be used in the childcare setting.</p> <p>NOTE! Oral temperature should be taken on children younger than four years of age.</p> <p>NOTE! Temperatures taken rectally are not recommended in the child care setting.</p> <p>NOTE! The <i>American Academy of Pediatrics</i> recommends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get medical attention when an infant younger than 4 months of age has an unexplained fever • Any infant younger than 2 months of age should get immediate medical attention, within an hour if possible.
<p>SIGNS/SYMPTOMS OF POSSIBLE SEVERE ILLNESS</p>	<p>Exclude until a medical exam indicates the child/staff may return.</p> <p>Signs and symptoms include: unusually tired, irritability, uncontrolled coughing, persistent crying, difficulty breathing, seizures, severe stomach pain, and/or a quickly spreading rash.</p>
<p>VOMITING</p> <p>Vomiting is defined as two or more episodes in the previous 24 hours and vomiting is not from a known condition.</p>	<p>Exclude the child/staff until vomiting stops and the child is no longer in danger of dehydration (flushed, dry, hot skin; coated tongue; irritability; confusion; not urinating [one wet diaper in an 8 hour period]).</p> <p>NOTE! Also see <i>Body Substance Clean Up Policy</i>.</p>
<p>DIARRHEA EITHER UNCONTROLLED OR UNCONTAINED</p> <p>Uncontrolled diarrhea is defined as stool frequency exceeding 2 or more stools above normal for that child, or stool is watery or contains blood.</p> <p>Uncontained diarrhea is defined as 1 loose stool that cannot be contained by the diaper or use of a toilet.</p>	<p>Exclude until uncontrolled or uncontained diarrhea stops, or until a medical exam indicates that it is not a communicable disease.</p> <p>Exclude if stools contain blood or mucous.</p> <p>NOTE! Children with bloody diarrhea will be seen by their physician.</p>

<p>MOUTH SORES WITH DROOLING</p>	<p>Exclude until no drooling or exposed open sores.</p>
<p>UNDIAGNOSED RASH</p>	<p>Exclude if child has a rash with fever, behavioral changes, oozing or open wound, bruising not associated with an injury, joint pain, or a quickly spreading rash in size or tenderness.</p> <p>Exclude until symptoms have resolved, on antibiotics for at least 24 hours if indicated or a medical exam indicates the child may return.</p>
<p>SKIN LESIONS</p>	<p>Exclude if lesions are weeping or draining and cannot be covered with a waterproof dressing.</p>
<p>OTHER SYMPTOMS REQUIRING EXCLUSION:</p> <p>UNUSUAL COLOR</p> <p>PERSISTENT ABDOMINAL PAIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unusual color <p>Unusual color is defined as yellow eyes or skin; grey or white stool; black or blood colored stool; dark, tea or cola-colored urine.</p> <p>Exclude until a medical exam indicates the symptoms are not of a contagious disease.</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persistent abdominal pain <p>Persistent abdominal pain is defined as pain that lasts for more than 2 hours or intermittent abdominal pain associated with fever or dehydration.</p> <p>Exclude until a medical exam indicates the symptoms are not of a contagious disease and resolution of symptoms.</p>
<p></p> <p>CHILDREN MAY ALSO BE EXCLUDED IF:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child does not feel well enough to participate comfortably in the routine activities. • The childcare provider cannot care for the child without interfering with the care of the other children. <p>Exclude until the child feels well enough to participate with the group.</p>