



Lakewood Montessori Christian School

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Illness Policy

Our philosophy includes keeping the students at Lakewood safe and healthy. In order to ensure that all the students have the opportunity to remain healthy, we must take steps to provide a clean and uncontaminated environment.

When a student comes into the school, we will check and observe the children for signs of illness such as:

- Fever
- Flushing of the cheeks
- Profuse, thick, nasal discharge
- Coughing
- Acute cold
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Red or discharging eyes or ears
- Undiagnosed skin rashes or infections
- Unusual irritability, fussiness, and/or restlessness

If we notice any of these ill health signs in a student, we will ask that the child be taken home and not return to the program for 24 – 48 hours depending on outbreak or pandemic changes. Parents and guardians may be asked to provide the school with a doctor's note clarifying the child's health. If the supervisor feels that the student is not well enough to be at the school, then the student may not remain.

If the Student is at the school and develops any of these symptoms and the supervisor feels that they should not be at the school, the parents will be called to come and pick up their child.

Any student who is sent home or has been off sick, may not return to the school until they are 24hrs symptom free. In the case of medication being prescribed for the student, the student may not return to the school for at least 24 hours after starting medicine to ensure that they get the proper rest and the medication has time to work on the student.

Lakewood Montessori Christian School reserves the right to request a doctor's note if they are unsure as to whether or not a student should be at the school. Children should not return to school until they are ready to participate in all aspects of the program, including outdoor activities. The school has guidelines as to when a student may return.

Fever

When a student's temperature reaches 100.4° F or 38° C, we consider that to be a fever and they will be sent home.

If the student's temperature is at 100.0°F or 37.8°C, we will call the parent to inform them, but they will not be required to go home until it is 100.4°F or 38°C. If the student has a current doctor's note on file to administer Tylenol™ or Tempra™, it will be given and the parent will be called to pick up the student.

Symptoms of Ill Health

A teacher is required to fill out a *Symptoms of Ill Health* form for each child. Any time a child is sick, on medication, or having a communicable disease, this form must be used to document these incidences. This form also serves as a running record of how many times the student has been sick and if there is a pattern.

Important Information

Please note that we request and strongly recommend parents not to administer Tylenol™, Tempra™, Motrin™, Advil™ or other fever reducing medicines to their child before sending them to school as a way of shielding their fever for a few hours.