

Children's Circle Montessori School

Illness Policy

Children's Circle Montessori School makes every effort to keep its students and staff healthy and maintain a healthy environment through the implementation and compliance of our Illness and Sanitary Practices Policies. The Illness Policy and the Sanitary Practices Policy (available in the office), are based on current recommendations from Peel Public Health. The Illness Policy is also based on current recommendations by the Canadian Pediatric Society.

General Principle:

Your child is not well enough to attend school if...

- he/she is not able to engage in all indoor and outdoor school activities
- he/she would require medication to feel well
 - for instance, Tylenol® or Advil® or Gravol®
- he/she has not stayed home a minimum of 24 hours, as required below
 - for instance, if your child is sent home ill at 10:00a.m. on December 1st, the earliest your child may return to school is December 3rd

Symptoms:

- **Fever** of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or 38 degrees Celsius or over
 - Your child must be free of a fever for 24 hours and be able to tolerate a typical diet without vomiting before returning to school
- **Vomiting and/or diarrhea**
 - Your child must be free of vomiting and diarrhea for 24 hours and be able to tolerate a typical diet before returning to school
- **Rash or sores, undiagnosed**
 - Your child must provide **a note** from a medical practitioner indicating that it's safe for the child to return to school
- **“Pink Eye”**: Discharge draining from the eye or the eye is pink
 - Your child must remain home until 24 hours after the first dose of antibiotics
- **“Strep Throat”**, diagnosed
 - Your child must remain home until 24 hours after the first dose of antibiotics
- **Viral Infection**: cough, sneezing, runny nose, sore throat, fever
 - If your child is not well enough to participate in regular daily activities or if your child requires medication to feel well due to these symptoms, your child is not well enough to attend school

Please advise the school of your child's illness. Peel Public Health will be contacted if your child's illness is on the Peel Public Health's Reportable Diseases List. Peel Public Health will also be contacted if an outbreak occurs. Children's Circle Montessori School will follow the instructions as provided.

If your child becomes ill during school hours, you will be contacted to arrange prompt pick-up. Your child will be isolated from other children and will be made as comfortable as possible until they are picked-up. A completed Illness Report Form will be sent home.

Children’s Circle Montessori School may administer prescribed medication, for example, antibiotics, fever-reducing medication, pain-relief medication. The “Request and Consent for the Administration...” form must be completed and signed. The Medication Policy and related forms are available in the office.

In case of a health-related emergency, “911” will be contacted. The child’s parents/guardians will be contacted immediately after “911” is called. The instructions provided by the “911” phone operator will be followed to the best of our ability. (Owners/operators and staff members have current First Aid/CPR Level C Training). If the paramedics advise the school that the child should be transported to the hospital by ambulance, the child will be accompanied by one of the school’s Owners/Operators or the School Supervisor. This adult will remain with the child at the hospital until the child’s parents/guardians arrive at the hospital. For the safety of the child, the school will provide the medical personnel with any information they requested, i.e. child’s name, age, medical history, medications, symptoms, etc.

Illness Report Form

Student’s name:	
Form completed by (classroom staff):	
Date & Time:	
Symptoms observed:	
Actions taken:	Temperature:_____Time:_____ Temperature:_____Time:_____
“911” called: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Temperature:_____Time:_____ Temperature:_____Time:_____
Time parent/guardian was called:	
Parent/Guardian’s instructions:	
Time student was picked-up:	
Doctor’s note required to return:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown at this time
Earliest date the child may return:	
Parent/Guardian’s signature:	
Designated Supervisor’s signature:	<input type="checkbox"/> Copy provided to parent/guardian