

THE PARKSIDE MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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ILLNESS POLICY

Dear Parkside Parents:

We have been instructed by the New Jersey State Division of Youth and Family Services to clearly state policy regarding illness and our students. Children should not be sent to school if they are sick. This means that if a child is fighting any kind of infection, he or she should not attend school, as most childhood infections are highly contagious. If a child comes to school sick, or becomes ill in school, the state requires us, and we too believe that it is our obligation, to immediately contact the parent or emergency contact so that the child can be taken home and the spread of infection is limited. Also, a child who has been absent due to illness should not return to school until he or she is completely well (this also means that the child's temperature must remain normal for **at least 24 hours** before he/she returns).

The illnesses we most commonly see include head and chest cold (which cause sneezing, coughing, and a runny nose), nausea, diarrhea, sore throats, headaches, and earaches. However, please refer of the back page containing information that the State has given to us titled, "Policy on the Management of Communicable Diseases" for other symptoms and a list of communicable diseases.

We thank you for your attention to this important matter.

The Parkside Montessori Staff