

Park Forest Preschool

If a Child Becomes Sick While at School and Return to School After Illness Policy and Procedure

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During the COVID-19 pandemic, the health and safety of our students, parents, staff, and volunteers is our top priority. Park Forest Preschool will follow the CDC, American Academy of Pediatrics and PA Department of Education guidelines for best practices to decrease the spread of the virus.

1. When a child is complaining of not feeling well or appears to be ill, the child should be placed in an isolation room (director's office on a cot), away from other children and staff.

Symptoms requiring isolation include the following:

- fever greater than 100.4
 - upset stomach, vomiting, diarrhea
 - headache
 - persistent cough
 - breathing issues
 - pink eye
 - any other concerning symptoms
2. A parent or guardian will be called immediately to pick up the child.
 3. One staff person or the director will be assigned to the child. This person will wear a mask and gloves while supervising the child.
 4. The child will wear a mask during isolation.
 5. When the parent or guardian arrives, written requirements /instructions for the child's return to school will be provided and verbally reviewed with them.
If fever persists longer than 24 hours, the child needs to be seen by a physician and a note must be provided to the Director before the child returns to school
OR
the child should remain home for 10 days from symptom onset.
If fever is gone within 24 hours, the child needs to be fever-free for 24 hours with no meds before returning to school.
 6. A student with confirmed COVID-19 may return to Park Forest Preschool using the following symptom or testing criteria:
Symptom criteria (all three criteria must be satisfied):
 - a. At least ten days have passed since the symptoms first appeared.
 - b. No fever for 24 hours, without the use of any fever-reducing medications.
 - c. Other symptoms have improved or gone away completely.OR
Testing criterion:
 - a. Documentation of a negative COVID test and be symptom-free.

7. After the child leaves the school building:
 - When possible, open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation.
 - Wait up to 24 hours or as long as possible before cleaning or disinfecting to allow respiratory droplets to settle.
 - Clean and disinfect all areas used by the person who is sick, such as office, bathrooms, classroom, and lunchroom before those areas are used by other students and staff.
 - Continue routine cleaning and disinfection.

8. When a child tests positive for COVID, the PA Department of Health will contact the family directly.
The director needs to call:
 - PA Department of Health: 877-724-3258
 - OCDEL – Centre Region: 717-772-7078 or 800-222-2117
 - Co-chair of Park Forest Preschool board of directors: JoAnn Vautour 814-880-9322

