

## 4.10 Health and Safety Policies for Illness

If your child has any sign or symptom that requires exclusion from the facility, FEELC follows guidelines set by the NC Licensing Authorities for Childcare facilities and the standard set by the National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care (NRC) for Inclusion/Exclusion/Dismissal of Children (standard 3.065 stated in Health Promotion and Protection in Child Care).

Symptoms requiring exclusion include:

- Temperatures of 100°F (measured axillary) or above. (Children's temperatures are taken a second time in the front office for confirmation.)
- Significant bodily secretions, including vomiting, diarrhea and persistent discharge from eyes.

Once it has been determined that a child will need to go home, parents will be notified. The sick child will then be brought to the front office to wait for their parents. The child will be given a resting mat and will be supervised by an administrative staff or will be held until the parent arrives. For infants and young toddlers that require the comfort of their teachers arrangements are made in the classroom for support.

Any of these symptoms require the child to be excluded from FEELC for 24hrs, which effectively means the next school day.

Do NOT send a child to FEELC if they have any of these symptoms.

If your child does not have these symptoms, but you have administered a fever reducing medication (eg. Tylenol), do NOT send your child to FEELC. These medications may mask important symptoms.

If you child has been prescribed an antibiotic, the first dose must be administered at home. Please allow a minimum of two hours before coming to the center after the initial dose of the antibiotic. This allows the parents to monitor the child for possible allergic reactions.

Please remember that exclusion of a child for illness is critical to minimize the impact it may have on the child population as a whole.

Parents will also be notified if their child is lethargic or exhibits unusual behavior.