

Preschool through Youth sick/hurt recommendations

Thank you so much for serving our little ones. Your service is invaluable and appreciated.

Safety

In all cases of anything other than a minor injury (bump, scrap, etc), the teacher will notify the parent.

Sick Child Policy/Procedures

Though a sick policy is posted for parents to view, **it is the responsibility of the volunteers to inform parents if their child is unable to be dropped off due to showing symptoms (runny nose, cough, fever, upset stomach, rash)** that are not conducive to the wellbeing of other children and volunteers. If a child is not showing any signs that are indicted on the sick policy, but they seem unwell, **it is the responsibility of the volunteers to inform parents upon drop-off that if they deem it necessary, they will page the child's parents so that they can come pick up their child.**

- Parents, even if your child is on medication and seems better...they can still be contagious! Please keep them home until 24 hours has passed since their last symptom.
- Any child who has exhibited the following symptoms while in childcare (or for the previous 24 hours) will be returned to parents:
 - Persistent Cough
 - Persistent Runny Nose with Green or Yellow Mucus
 - Fever (99.6°F and above)
 - Stomach Upset
 - Rash
- Volunteers, you are the germ gatekeepers! Please do not be shy in paging parents if you suspect someone is sick.
- Medication: Volunteers are not adequately trained to administer medication of any sort to a child. If a child is in need of medication, their parent is to be called/texted and it is the responsibility of the parent to dispense the medication.
- Injuries/emergencies: In the case of a life-threatening emergency, contact 9-1-1. If a child suffers a major injury, call/text parents immediately.

- If Minor accident occurs:
 - Volunteer will wash hands thoroughly with soap and water before treating child.
 - Gently clean wound around the wound, then the wound itself using soap and running water.
 - Allow the wound to dry
 - Cover with sterile dressing for protection. No Ointments will be used.
- Diaper rash ointments. Only apply if parent has approved and provided the ointment.
- It is the responsibility of the volunteers to ensure that children are not climbing on shelves, changing stations, tables, stacked chairs, or rocking chairs. Rocking chairs are not to be used by a child unless a volunteer is present.
- It is the responsibility of the volunteers to ensure that all doors (including bathroom doors) remain closed.

- **CLEANING THE ROOMS**

- Why do we need to clean after every toy, after every use of the room? Germs that cause common illnesses, including ear infections and strep throat, can linger on surfaces such as cribs, children's toys and books for hours after contamination -- even after the objects are well cleaned -- according to a small new study. (University of Buffalo)
- In their latest study, published December 26, 2019 in *Infection and Immunity*, the researchers found that in the daycare center they examined, four of five stuffed toys were contaminated with *S. pneumoniae*, a leading cause of ear infections in children. The germ can also lead to dangerous respiratory tract infections in children and older people, according to the news release.
- Meanwhile, several surfaces, including cribs that had been cleaned, were contaminated with *S. pyogenes*, a bacteria that commonly causes strep throat and skin infections in schoolchildren and can cause serious infection in adults.
- The testing took place in the morning before the facility opened so hours had passed since anyone had been inside, the researchers noted.
- Although previous studies have shown that bacteria on surfaces and objects die quickly, the investigators pointed out that those findings were based on cultures grown in labs.

The kids aren't the only ones who suffer. Parents also can get sick which can mean potential loss of income. Plus the cost of medical bills. You never know who a child is going home to...the elderly, the very young, and other especially high risk populations.

Tips to make cleaning go faster: Start 10 minutes before your shift ends. Try to minimize the amount of toys brought out. Avoid bringing out toys with a lot of small parts. Collect toys in bins and take them into the bathroom or outside to spray down.

*All Information taken from Preschool volunteer trainings.

STOP

IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK OR HAS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS:



PERSISTENT
COUGH



RUNNY
NOSE
(Green or yellow snot)



UPSET
STOMACH



FEVER
(Within the last
24 hrs)

PLEASE DO NOT BRING THEM TO CHILDCARE.

**IF YOUR CHILD EXHIBITS THESE SYMPTOMS WHILE IN
CHILDCARE, THEY WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU.**



THANK YOU FOR
HELPING THE CHILDREN
AND FAMILIES OF LBC
STAY HEALTHY!