

Sick Policy

At DPM, the health and safety of our children are always our top priority. We understand that when your child is sick, it can be a difficult and stressful time for both you and your child. That's why we want to make things as easy as possible for you by having a clear sick policy. If your child has any of the following signs or symptoms, please keep them at home:

- Fever of 100 degrees or higher
- Vomiting: may return once confirmed that it is not due to a contagious illness.
- Any unexplained rash: may return once doctor has cleared that it is not communicable.
- A persistent, deep, hacking cough
- Any signs of a communicable disease
- Excessive drainage or discharge (clear or discolored) from the mouth, nose, eyes, or ears.
- Red discoloration to the whites of the eye(s), conjunctivitis
- Diarrhea: runny, watery, bloody stools.
- Difficulty breathing or untreated wheezing.
- Unusual yellow coloring of the skin or eyes.
- Cuts or openings on the skin that are pus-filled or oozing.

If your child becomes sick while at DPM, we will contact you immediately so you can pick them up. We ask that you please do not bring your child back to DPM until they have been symptom-free for at least 24 hours. Thank you for helping us keep our school safe and healthy for all of our children! Please do read the resources from the DOH on our website relating to Covid-19 & the flu. If there is an outbreak or an uptick in cases in our community, please know we may implement changes during that time to mitigate exposure.

When a child has been absent due to illness and you are planning for their return to school, please contact me either by phone or email with more information- whether that is a doctor's note, negative test results, update on symptoms, etc.