

## SAINT MARTIN'S LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL ILLNESS POLICY

(Stated in *Minimum Standards for Child-Care Centers of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services - Section 746.3601*)

An ill child must not be admitted for care if one or more of the following exists:

- The illness prevents the child from participating comfortably in child-care center activities including outdoor play;
- The illness results in a greater need for care than caregivers can provide without compromising the health, safety, and supervision of the other children in care;
- The child has one of the following, unless medical evaluation by a health-care professional indicates that you can include the child in the child-care center's activities:
  - Oral temperature of 100.4 degrees or greater, accompanied by behavior changes or other signs or symptoms of illness;
  - Rectal temperature of 101.4 degrees or greater, accompanied by behavior changes or other signs or symptoms of illness;
  - Armpit temperature of 99.4 degrees or greater, accompanied by behavior changes or other signs or symptoms of illness;
  - Symptoms and signs of possible severe illness such as lethargy, abnormal breathing, uncontrolled diarrhea, two or more vomiting episodes in 24-hours, rash with fever, mouth sores with drooling, behavior changes, or other signs that the child may be severely ill; or
- A health-care professional has diagnosed the child with a communicable disease, and the child does not have medical documentation to indicate that the child is no longer contagious.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

If the child becomes ill during the day, he/she will be isolated from the other children and the parents will be contacted immediately. In order to protect the health of all children attending Saint Martin's Lutheran Preschool, we have the right to refuse a child who we think is not well enough to participate or might be contagious to other children. Please notify the school at once if your child has a communicable disease or has been exposed to one. A child who is ill belongs at home. **The child must be free of fever, vomiting, and diarrhea for 24-hours before they can return to school.**

Signature of Parent/Guardian\_\_\_\_\_

Administrative Staff\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_