

CHAPTER FOUR: HEALTH AND MEDICAL SUPERVISION

Health and Medical Supervision	Daily Observation of Children and Arrangements for Ill Children
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Policy Statement:

To minimize the spread of infectious/ Communicable Diseases, North Hastings Children's Services is not expected to provide care for a child whom the feel is too ill to attend daycare.

Procedure:

The Parent must arrange care for sick children. Staff shall ensure that a daily observation is made of each child before the child begins to associate with other children in order to detect possible symptoms of ill health. If a child becomes ill during the day, staff must contact the parent to arrange for the child to be picked up as soon as possible. If the staff is unable to reach the parent, they will be isolated from the other children. The isolation room is the child care coordinators office or other space as may be designated. If the parent is unable to take the child home and/or where it appears that the child requires immediate medical attention, ensure the child is examined by a legally qualified medical practitioner or a nurse registered with the College of Nurses of Ontario. A routine check each day upon arrival to detect symptoms of ill health may prevent exposure of other children to what could be a serious illness. Should staff detect symptoms, they must complete the Symptoms of Ill Health form, on the back of child's emergency card.

Symptoms of ill health form must also be filled out when the children are absent due to illness. Even if you do not see the symptoms yourself, it still needs to be documented. When a child has been sent home numerous times with the symptoms, we require a doctor's note prior to your return in 24 hours, in case medication or follow up is needed.

Symptoms Indicative or ill health may include:

1. Elevated temperature, pallor, flushing
2. Vomiting, diarrhea
3. Red or discharging eyes or ears

4. undiagnosed skin rashes
5. An acute cold, nasal discharge, or coughing
6. Unusual irritability, fussiness, or listlessness
7. Lice (pediculosis and scabies)

Reportable Diseases should be reported immediately to the Medical officer of Health by telephone. Other diseases are to be reported by the next working day.