

Pasadena Christian Preschool Illness & Medication Regulations

For the health and safety of all students, teachers are required to perform a daily health check of all children. This check will include visual observation, discussion with the parent/child, and taking temperatures. *These health check steps will be repeated throughout the day as needed.*

ILLNESS

STATE REGULATIONS PROHIBIT day care facilities from having a child in attendance with any of the following conditions:

- ❖ If he/she has a known infectious or communicable disease.
- ❖ If he/she has a fever or had a fever during the **previous 24-hour period.**
- ❖ If he/she has heavy nasal discharge, the facility **must** have a note from the child's pediatrician allowing him/her to attend school again.
- ❖ If he/she has been taking an antibiotic for **less than 24-hours.**
- ❖ If he/she has had **vomiting** or **diarrhea** in the last **24-hour period.** If the child has been sent home from school, **there is a 24-hour waiting period before readmittance.**
- ❖ If he/she has yellow, white, or green discharge from their eyes.
- ❖ If he/she has a **constant** cough.
- ❖ If he/she has a cold
- ❖ If he/she has a new skin rash or mouth sores.
- ❖ Has active lice in the hair; children with lice or nits will be sent home and asked to see a lice removal specialist; proof of the visit will be required upon return to school. To prevent further outbreaks, the school may, at its discretion, bring in a lice specialist to check all students' hair in that classroom.

Children may also be excluded from school at the discretion of the staff:

- ❖ If he/she is fussy, cranky, lethargic, and generally not her/himself

Your child may come to preschool:

- ❖ If his/her cold is over but is left with a **minor** nasal drip.
- ❖ If he/she has been exposed to a communicable disease, a physician's note or call must be received to return.

The preschool reserves the right to request a physician's authorization to return to school. As a courtesy, please keep your child home even if he or she is just tired or not feeling well; rest at such times may prevent the development of serious illness.

COMMUNICABLE OUTBREAKS

If your child has been diagnosed with, or presents symptoms of, a communicable disease, you are required to notify the preschool office immediately. If two or more students are present with a communicable disease (e.g., Hand, Foot, and Mouth, Chickenpox, etc.), all parents will be notified via email.

IMMUNIZATIONS

ALL students entering school **MUST** be current on all vaccinations as required by the State of California. A copy of each child's immunization form must be submitted prior to entering school.

Required immunizations are outlined here: <http://www.shotsforschool.org/child-care/>

If a child is on a delayed immunization plan, he or she will be excluded from school in the event of a communicable outbreak for which they are not vaccinated.

MEDICATIONS

All medications issued at school must be presented to the preschool office for processing. Prescription and non-prescription medications may be given by school staff at the discretion of the school administration and under the following conditions:

Prescription Medication:

California Education Code Section 49423 provides that any pupil who is required to take medication during the regular school day prescribed by a physician may be assisted by the designated school personnel if the school receives:

- (1) A written statement from the physician detailing the method, amount, and schedule by which such medication is to be taken. *Your physician must sign the PCS Administration of Prescription Medication form.*
- (2) A written statement from the parent or guardian of the pupil indicating the desire that the school assist the pupil in the matter set forth in the physician's statement. *A parent or guardian must also sign the PCS Administration of Prescription Medication form.*
- (3) All medication must be in a bottle labeled by the pharmacy with the student's name, name, and medication dose.

Non-Prescription Medication:

A parent or guardian must complete and submit the Administration of Non-Prescription Medication form to the office. Over-the-counter medication must be in the original labeled container and delineate instructions on issuance and dosage. **Our staff will only dispense over-the-counter medicines, which include cough drops, sunscreen, diaper ointment, antibiotic ointment, etc., with an Administration of Non-Prescription Medication Form on file.**

ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

Often, children are seemingly fine in the morning at drop-off but present with symptoms during the day. Children are required to go home if they present with any of the symptoms mentioned above/conditions. The school also reserves the right to send a child home if they are *unusually* lethargic, cranky, or generally not him/herself.

When a child presents with symptoms, the child will be brought to the preschool office, and the school will call the parents immediately. If a parent cannot be reached, we will contact the next person on the child's emergency contact list.

We expect that parents pick up within a reasonable amount of time, generally 30 minutes or less. Please advise the staff if extenuating circumstances may cause a delay of more than 30 minutes.

I have read and understand the Illness and Medication Regulations of Pasadena Christian Preschool and have a plan for care in the event my child is ill.

Child's Name: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____