

STUDENT HEALTH POLICIES

Illness and Medications

Medications

Any medications, both prescription and non-prescription, to be given to a child at PRAIRIE HILL during hours of operation, must be handed directly to office staff or the adults in the student's community, in the original container, clearly labeled for the named child and must be accompanied by a completed, signed PRAIRIE HILL medication permission slip. **Medications cannot be legally administered without the completed and signed form.** You may pick up extra forms from the office or your child's community.

Illness Exclusion from School

Parents must notify the Center immediately of any contagious disease the child might contract, so that we can notify the other parents and the State Health Department if needed.

We cannot admit your child to school if one or more of the following exists:

- They have vomited 2 or more times in the past 24 hours.
- They have a rash with fever or behavior change, until a physician has determined the illness is not contagious.
- They have chicken pox (varicella) until all lesions have dried or crusted.
- They have impetigo, until 24 hours after treatment has been started.
- They have mouth sores with drooling.
- They have head lice or ringworm until after the first treatment.
- They have diarrhea (especially if it regards diapered children whose stool is not contained in the diaper, and toilet trained children whose stool frequency exceeds two or more stools above normal on that day).
- They have a fever about 100 degrees F axillary (armpit) or 101 degrees F orally and behavior change or other illness symptoms (e.g. sore throat, rash, vomiting, diarrhea).
- They require more care than can be given by staff in a group setting or a child who is unable to participate in regular daily activities.

Please communicate with us if your child is absent from PRAIRIE HILL for any reason (this helps us plan for lunch, etc.), but it is even more important to let us know if your child is staying home with a contagious illness so that we can notify the other parents and the State Health Department (if necessary).

Immunizations

Nebraska Law requires that students be protected against Polio, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B, and Varicella (chicken pox). Any student who is not in compliance with immunization requirements, or does not have a waiver on file, will not be permitted to continue in school until the student is in compliance.

Immunization records or waiver must be received prior to enrollment and updated by request. In the event of an outbreak of a communicable disease, un-immunized students may be excluded from school. No tuition adjustment will be made for these absences.

Illness Not Requiring Exclusion

At PRAIRIE HILL, facial tissues are supplied. Children with colds or coughs should wear clothing with pockets, so a clean tissue can always be handy. We teach children to cough into their elbow or a tissue (then throw the tissue away). We encourage frequent hand washing as well (20-30 seconds of scrubbing). Our staff are trained in daily health checks to identify signs of illness, and work and eating surfaces are sanitized several times daily.

COVID Policy

Prairie Hill's COVID policy is located on the school website, www.prairiehill.com.

**Please let us know when there is a change of your child's health / medical status or emergency contact information, so that we can update our records as soon as possible.*