

Sick Child Policy

Right to refuse admittance:

Plato shall not admit mildly ill children. Only children well enough to participate in the full range of curriculum activities, including outdoor play, should be in attendance. We have established this policy in an effort to maintain as healthy an environment as possible for all members of our community. Plato reserves the right to refuse care to a child displaying any one of the following symptoms:

- ✓ Fever with stiff neck, lethargy, irritability, or persistent crying;
- ✓ Fever (100°f or higher)—child needs to be fever free for 24 hours without the aid of medication;
- ✓ Diarrhea—child must be symptom free for 24 hours without the aid of medication;
- ✓ Vomiting;
- ✓ Runny nose with colored discharge;
- ✓ Rash—child must be symptom free for 24 hours;
- ✓ Discharge from eyes or ears;
- ✓ Lice—child needs to be treated and nits removed before return;
- ✓ Communicable diseases—chicken pox, measles, mumps, conjunctivitis (pink eye), influenza, pertussis, etc. The child may return when the incubation and contagious period is passed and the child is well enough to resume normal childcare activities.
- ✓ Abdominal pain that is intermittent or persistent
- ✓ Difficulty in breathing

Any child, who was excluded with a communicable disease, or under the care of a hospital or doctor, must have a doctor's note to return to Plato.

How an Illness will be handled?

How an Illness will be handled at Plato Home Day Care

Plato must be provided with a record of telephone numbers for each parent and another adult who would respond in case of an emergency and for the family's pediatrician or other doctor. Any change in the emergency telephone must be reported immediately. It is imperative that up-to-date numbers be maintained, as emergency medical services cannot be offered to your child in the absence of consent from a parent or legal guardian.

In the Event of Illness: If a child becomes ill during the day, Plato will contact a parent. Plato will notify a parent when a child looks or behaves in a way that is clearly different than normal. Examples of this are: when a child appears unusually tired, pale, seems confused, irritable, indicates pain, fever, discomfort, distress, or exhibits inconsolable crying. If a parent cannot be reached, one of the emergency contacts listed on the child's emergency card will be called. If, at any time, it is deemed by the Plato staff that a child should be isolated from other students, the Family will be charged an additional \$15.00 per hour or \$150.00 for a full day to cover private care until the child is picked up.

In the Event of Emergency

A staff person will immediately contact the parent as another staff person contact 911. A Plato teacher will accompany the child to the nearest emergency facility, either Children's Memorial Hospital or _____ Hospital, where the parent will meet them. If a parent cannot be reached, an emergency contact person listed in the child's file will be called. The teacher accompanying the child will bring the medical authorization form signed by the parent from the child's file.