

## **MESA VERDE PRE-SCHOOL HEALTH POLICY**

Our center operates for well being of children and staff. Children who are mildly ill (e.g. minor cold symptoms) may remain at the center. Children should be fully able to participate in all activities, including outdoor play. This is for the protection of your child as well as other children and staff.

Children with symptoms of communicable diseases need to be picked up from school immediately. We make every effort to reach parents when a child is ill, but after 30 we will contact emergency contacts indicated by the parents. If a child is sent home sick, they may not until after 24 hours. Below is a list of guidelines.

### **Symptoms that may exclude a child from school or requires that the child be picked up are:**

- A fever of 101 or above.
- A fever over 100.3, if combined with any other signs of illness.
- A skin rash not identified by a phone call or in written by a physician.
- Two episodes of diarrhea.
- Vomiting.
- Evidence of head lice or other parasites.
- Severe cough.
- Rapid or difficult breathing
- Conjunctivitis.
- Sore throat or difficulty swallowing.
- Pain of which the child complains and interferes with normal activities.
- Evidence of infection.
- Excessive fatigue

### **Children may be readmitted when:**

A physician has given a signed and written statement that the child is free from communicable disease, and that returning poses no risk to the child or others.

**Or**

He or she is visibly free from any communicable diseases, fever free without the need of fever reducing medications for 24 hours and free of vomiting /diarrhea for 24 hours while on a normal diet.