ATTENTION PARENTS
Sickness Policy

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!

MANNING FAMILY DAY HOME & DAY CARE PROGRAMS

As cold and flu season is still active in our community it is very important that we make every effort to stop the germ cycle in our Day Homes and Day Care.

When children are together in a child care setting the spread of germs is a big concern and we need to all work together to try to eliminate the chances of spreading coughs, colds and flu's.

Hand washing becomes a very important part of stopping that cycle and we encourage Parents, Providers and Children to wash their hands as frequently as possible.

Please review the following "Sick Children" Policy and make sure that you are within the guidelines, specifically **"symptom free for at least 24 hours."**

Thank you for your cooperation and the understanding that the guidelines are there for the protection of all the children.

Sick Child/ren

For the health of all the children in care, children should remain at home if they are too sick to participate in the daily routine or they have the following symptoms:

- High fever
- Nausea, vomiting and diarrhea
- Rapid or labored breathing
- Contagious illness such as measles, chicken pox, mumps etc.
- Head lice
- Eye infections, ie, conjunctivitis (pink eye)
- Severe cold and or cough
- A new unexplained rash or cough

Parents/guardians MUST notify the Day Home and Day Care immediately if their child becomes infected with a contagious disease so that the other parents/guardians can be notified.

- A child presenting any of the symptoms noted above while in care will be isolated for the protection of the other children and the Parents/guardians or emergency contact person will be notified to pick the child up immediately. The child will be kept as comfortable as possible until the Parents arrive.
- If a child is not well enough to participate in all activities in a typical day then the child is not well enough to attend the family day home or day care.
- A child does not return to the Provider's home or Day Care until the Provider or Day Care Supervisor is satisfied that the child no longer poses a health risk to others in the program and the Parent declares that the child has been **symptom free for at least 24 hrs.**