

## Illness and Medication Guidelines

Q: What types of illness would prohibit a child from attending BCUMCS?

We do not allow an ill child to attend our school if one or more of the following exists:

- (1)The illness prevents the child from participating comfortably in activities including outdoor play
- (2)The illness results in a greater need for care than caregivers can provide without compromising the health, safety, and supervision of the other children in care

Q: What symptoms would prevent my child from attending BCUMCS?

The child has one of the following

- (1)A temperature above 100.3 degrees
- (2)Symptoms and signs of possible severe illness such as lethargy, abnormal breathing, uncontrolled diarrhea, two or more vomiting episodes in 24 hours, undiagnosed rash, mouth sores with drooling, behavior changes, or other signs that the child may be severely ill or (4) A health-care professional has diagnosed the child with a communicable disease, and the child does not have medical documentation to indicate that the child is no longer contagious.

Q: What is considered medication?

- (1)A prescription medication
- (2)A non-prescription medication, excluding topical ointments such as diaper ointment, insect repellent, or sunscreen.

Q: What authorization must be provided before the school will administer medication?

- (1)Authorization to administer medication to a child must be obtained from the child's parent: In writing, signed and dated. Authorization to administer medication expires on the first anniversary of the date the authorization is provided.
- (2)The child's parent may not authorize you to administer medication in excess of the medication's label instructions or the directions of the child's healthcare professional.

Q: How will the school administer medication to a child?

- (1)As stated on the label directions
- (2)As amended in writing by the child's health-care professional.
- (3) Medication must: (a)Be in the original container labeled with the child's full name and the date brought to the operation (b)Be administered only to the child for whom it is intended (c)Not be administered after its expiration date