

## **Illness Policy**

Under no circumstances may a parent bring a sick child to co-op, if the child shows any signs of illness (see SYMPTOMS REQUIRING REMOVING OF CHILD below), or is unable to participate in the normal routine and regular day school day. Sick children will expose all children and adults who they come in contact with. These people can in turn expose the other children. If other children become ill due to exposure to your sick child, either because he/she was returned to co-op before full recovery or because he/she was not removed from co-op promptly upon notice of becoming ill, other parents will be unnecessarily inconvenienced.

Because this is disruptive to other children and their families, your cooperation on this issue is extremely important. In the event a child becomes ill at co-op, parents will need to immediately take the student out.

## Symptoms requiring removal of child from co-op

- **Fever:** Fever is defined as having a temperature of 100°F or higher taken under the arm, 101°F taken orally (a child needs to be fever free for a minimum of 24 hours before returning to school, that means the child is fever free without the aid of Tylenol®, or any other fever reducing substance.)
- Fever AND sore throat, rash, vomiting, diarrhea, earache, irritability, or confusion.
- **Diarrhea:** runny, watery, bloody stools, or 2 or more loose stools within last 4 hours.
- **Vomiting:** 2 or more times in a 24 hour period. Note: please do not bring your child if they have vomited in the night.
- Breathing trouble, sore throat, swollen glands, loss of voice, hacking or continuous coughing.
- Frequent scratching of body or scalp, lice, rash, or any other spots that resemble childhood diseases, including ringworm.
- Child is irritable, continuously crying, or requires more attention than we can provide without hurting the health, safety or well-being of the other children in our car

**Head lice Policy-** Young Explorers has a nit free policy. No student may knowingly attend co-op with nits (live or dead louse eggs) in his/her hair.