

# Well Child Policy

Our nursery and children's volunteers strive to provide a clean, healthy, and nurturing environment for your children. We strive to be sensitive to and make provisions for the healthcare concerns of all children and their families. In an effort to ensure that your child's experience is happy and healthy, we encourage parents to make sure that their child falls within the standards of health that we have established, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In order to prevent the spread of illness, and to provide a safe, healthy environment for all our children and volunteers, we ask that you keep your child home any time he or she exhibits the following symptoms at any time during the 24 hours prior to coming to church:

- Illness that prevents your child from comfortably participating in program activities
- Fever within the past 24 hours
- Vomiting (2 or more times) or experiencing diarrhea in the past 24 hours
- Runny nose with any colored discharge (yellowish or greenish)
- Streptococcal pharyngitis (strep throat) until 24 hours after treatment has been initiated
- Any unexplained rash
- Skin infections such as impetigo until deemed noninfectious by your physician

- Drainage or redness that could possibly be considered conjunctivitis (“pink eye”) at this time or if diagnosed and prescribed medication within past 24 hours
- Mouth sores associated with drooling unless deemed noninfectious by your physician
- Head lice and/or nits
- Any symptoms of childhood diseases such as Chickenpox, measles, mumps, scarlet fever, pertussis (“whooping cough”) until deemed noninfectious by your physician. For chicken pox– can return once all sores and blisters are scabbed over.
- Any of the following signs suggesting severe illness: fever, lethargy, irritability, persistent crying, signs of difficulty breathing, or other manifestations of possible severe illness.

If your child is experiencing any of the above criteria, we ask that you do not bring them to church activities. If you have questions concerning any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact the church office at (912) 598-7997.

Once your child is **symptom free for a minimum of 24 hours without medication**, they may return to church activities.

If your child develops a fever or other symptoms of illness while in the nursery or other children’s areas, you will be contacted immediately. If your child develops an

infectious disease after they have spent time in the nursery or children's departments, please contact **April Brown, Director of Children's Ministry** so infectious disease can be controlled and prevented in the nursery and children's environments through increased sanitation methods.