



Injury & Illness Policy

The Injury and Illness Policy is in place to maintain healthy and safe environments for the children and families we serve and the staff who care for your child(ren).

- Please contact the site office whenever your child is absent. Your phone call saves staff time and worry.
- Kids' Country is unable to provide care for sick children. A child who exhibits any of the following conditions should remain at home:
 1. Fever
 2. A runny nose with a colored discharge
 3. A persistent or severe cough
 4. Red or inflamed eyes, or any discharge from the eyes
 5. A skin rash, unless diagnosed as non-infectious by a physician (note required from doctor)
 6. Contagious sores
 7. Headache or other pains
 8. Diarrhea, nausea or vomiting
 9. Head lice (nit free), scabies, and mites
 10. General listlessness

If a child exhibits any of the above symptoms during our care, we will call and ask you to pick up your child. If the parent cannot be reached, the staff will call the emergency contacts on the emergency form. A sick child is to be picked up immediately upon notification by the program. Children must remain at home at least 24 hours after the above conditions subside without medication and/or until a doctor releases the child. It is important that all parents have a workable plan to care for their sick child.

- Parents should notify the Site Director if their child has been exposed to a contagious disease. A parent should report any illness or medical condition that has occurred since the child's last day of attendance at Kids' Country.
- When a communicable disease has been reported to the site by the parents or school office, notes are posted at the site and emailed to the parents. Parents may be asked to provide a doctor's note clearing them to return to school and normal activities.
- In the case of head lice, Kids' Country follows a No Nit Policy per Community Care Licensing regulations. Your child must be nit free in order to return.
- Kids' Country cannot accept a child into the program that did not attend school due to illness or becomes ill at school during normal school hours.

As part of our regular practice, staff perform daily health checks with our children as they are welcomed into our care. The purpose of the health evaluation is to determine the advisability of having your child in our care for that day. This health evaluation is done as children are greeted into our programs, observing behavior and energy level, and noticing any symptoms of illness. If activities need to be restricted due to an illness or medical condition, please notify the Site Director. Please know that our programs are not staffed nor licensed to supply specialized activities or supervision for one child due to short-term health restrictions.

In addition, Kids' Country has Cleaning, Sanitizing, and Disinfecting Procedures to maintain healthy and safe environments for our children and our staff.