



Event Childcare Service Policies

Exclusion from Event Childcare Services:

LOVING ARMS will always undertake every precaution to guarantee the safety and health of all children in our care while considering the individual needs of each child, not unnecessarily jeopardizing the health of others or without unduly inconveniencing the parent/guardian.

To this end, the following guidelines will be followed:

A child will not be admitted and/or parents will be notified immediately and required to pick-up a child within one hour under the following conditions:

- a. The illness prevents the child from participating comfortably in daily activities
- b. The illness results in more care than staff can provide without compromising the health and safety of the other children, or staff members
- c. The child has any of the following conditions:

Condition	Requirements for inclusion/exclusion
<i>Chickenpox</i>	Excluded from care until all the blisters have dried into scabs, usually about six days after rash onset. <i>Doctor's note required for return.</i>
<i>Vomiting</i> Defined as two or more episodes within a 24-hour period.	Excluded from care until vomiting stops
<i>Conjunctivitis (Pinkeye)</i> Pink or re conjunctiva with white or yellow discharge, that causes matting of the eyelids, pain or redness of the eyelids.	Bacterial (with pus) excluded until 24 hours after treatment begins. <i>Doctor's note required for return.</i>

<p><i>Diarrhea (Uncontrolled)</i></p> <p>Uncontrolled diarrhea is an increased number of stools, compared with a person's normal pattern, along with watery stools, and/or increased amount of stool that cannot be contained by the diaper or use of the toilet.</p>	<p>Regardless of cause, child must be excluded from care until 24 hours after last occurrence and uncontrolled diarrhea stops.</p>
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<p><i>Fever</i></p> <p>Temperature: 100° F or higher of undiagnosed origin and before fever-reducing medicine is given especially if accompanied by other symptoms, such as vomiting, sore throat, diarrhea, headache, stiff neck, or undiagnosed rash. When auxiliary (underarm) temperature is used, one degree is added to the reading to establish the correct reading.</p>	<p>Child is excluded from care until 24 hours after occurrence. Child may not return the following day.</p>
<p><i>Lice (Head)</i></p>	<p>Excluded from care until:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excluded until 24 hours after first treatment, • Doctor’s note required for return • No live lice or nits are witnessed. <p>Child is subject to examination prior to return to care. If more than one child enrolled at LOVING ARMS is in the home, they are subject to the same exclusions and require authorization to return to care.</p>
<p><i>Rash (with or without fever or behavior change)</i></p>	<p>Excluded from care until a medical exam indicates symptoms are not that of a communicable disease, i.e., chicken pox, fifth disease, measles, roseola, rubella, shingles or strep throat. <i>Doctor’s note required for return.</i></p>
<p><i>Ringworm</i></p>	<p>Excluded from care until 24 hours after treatment has begun. <i>Doctor’s note required for return.</i></p>
<p><i>Scabies</i></p>	<p>Excluded from care until 24 hours after treatment has begun. <i>Doctor’s note required for return.</i></p>
<p><i>Severe Thrush</i></p> <p><i>Defined as “covering the mouth and lips.”</i></p>	<p>Excluded from care until a medical release has been obtained. <i>Doctor’s note required for return.</i></p>
<p><i>Signs/symptoms of possible severe illness: unusually tired, uncontrolled coughing, irritability, persistent crying, difficulty breathing, wheezing</i></p>	<p>Excluded from care until medical authorization is obtained. <i>Doctor’s note required for return.</i></p>

Communicable Diseases

A communicable disease is any disease that can be easily transmitted from person to person. These diseases (such as chicken pox or measles) are particularly dangerous in a childcare facility because they can threaten the health of many children and their families.

- d. Any child with a communicable disease should remain absent from the childcare facility until a medical diagnosis determines that it is no longer contagious, and it is safe to return *this ensures the highest possible level of protection and a healthy environment for all children, parents and staffs*

Food Allergies

Food allergies are a growing public health concern. It is estimated that as many as 6 million (8%) of children have food allergies, with young children being most affected. For some unknown reason, boys appear to develop food allergies more than girls. Although childhood allergies to milk, egg, wheat and soy generally resolve in childhood, they appear to be resolving more slowly than in previous decades, with many children still allergic beyond age five years. Allergies to peanuts, tree nuts, fish or shellfish are generally lifelong allergies.

Eight foods appear to account for 90% of all food-allergic reactions: milk, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts (e.g. walnuts, almonds, cashews, pistachios, pecans), wheat, soy, fish and shellfish.

LOVING ARMS takes the following precautions to minimize the risk of illness due to food allergy reactions by children entrusted to our care:

- A Health Record and a Meal Modification Form, for all children of the Event Childcare Services Program with a Food Allergy will be required at the time service.(please email lwim@lovingarmschildcare.org for forms)
- No outside food will be permitted without proper documentation (except for infants.)
- Educating of staff on types of allergies, possible reactions and emergency care procedures.
- In cases of severe allergies, posting precautionary signs, as appropriate.

Any child with a known food allergy will be required to have a Meal Modification Form, completed by their doctor, identifying the child's food allergy and acceptable food substitutions. No substitutions will be made without the proper form on file. If there are substitutions that can be made (i.e. soy milk instead of cow's milk), **LOVING ARMS** will work with the family to provide a nutritional substitute within the guidelines provided by the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). If the family requests a substitution outside of the CACFP guidelines, the parent will be responsible for providing the substitute food on an "as needed" basis.

Personal Items:

Loving Arms is asking all parents that participate in this program not to bring or allow your children to bring items from home this includes but not limited to I-Pads, cell phones, any game systems, and toys. **Loving Arms** will make sure all supplies are provided for activities.

For all questions and concerns please email us at lwim@lovingarmschildcare.org