

Sick Child Policy

5101:2-14-30 (D) of the OAC states that a sick child is one who demonstrates one or more of the following symptoms:

1. **A temperature of at least 100 degrees Fahrenheit*** when accompanied by any other sign or symptom of illness. *Temperatures shall be taken by the armpit method with a digital thermometer. The thermometer shall be used and sanitized after each use according to the manufacture's guidelines.
2. **Diarrhea**, defined as 3 or more abnormally loose stools within a 24 hour period.
3. **Severe coughing** which causes the child to become red or blue in the face or to make a whooping sound.
4. **Difficult or rapid breathing** which is not attributed to a known respiratory illness such as asthma.
5. **Yellowish skin or eyes.**
6. **Purulent eye discharge (pus), eye pain, or eyelid redness.**
7. **Untreated infected skin patches, spots, or rashes.**
8. **Unusually dark urine and/or gray or white stool.**
9. **A stiff neck with an elevated temperature.**
10. **Evidence of untreated lice, scabies, or other parasitic infection.**
11. **Sore throat or difficulty swallowing.**
12. **Vomiting more than once** or when accompanied by any other sign or symptom of illness.

Following a child's illness or communicable disease, providers must receive a medical statement from the child's physician prior to the child returning to care.

(Reference Additional County Rule #5.)