3301-32-08 Management of communicable disease.

(A) A person trained to recognize the common signs of communicable disease or other illness as required by paragraph (L) of rule 3301-32-02 of the Administrative Code, shall observe each child daily as the child enters the group.

(B) The following precautions shall be taken for children suspected of having a communicable disease:

(1) The parent shall be notified immediately of the child's condition when a child has been observed with signs or symptoms of illness.

(2) A child with any of the following signs or symptoms of illness shall be isolated immediately and discharged to the parent. Decisions regarding exclusion from the program either immediately or at some later time in the day shall be determined by the program coordinator or team leader and the parent(s).

   a. Diarrhea (three or more than one loose stool in a twenty-four-hour period) if reported;
   b. Severe coughing, causing the child to become red or blue in the face or to make a whooping sound;
   c. Difficult or rapid breathing;
   d. Yellowish skin or eyes;
   e. Conjunctivitis: Redness of the eye or eyelid, thick and purulent (pus) eye discharge, matted eyelashes, burning, itching or eye pain;
   f. Temperature of one hundred degrees Fahrenheit taken by the auxiliary method when in combination with other symptoms;
   g. Untreated infected skin patch(es);
   h. Unusually dark urine and/or grey or white stool if reported;
   i. Stiff neck with an elevated temperature;
   j. Evidence of untreated lice, scabies, or other parasitic infestation;
   k. Sore throat or difficulty in swallowing;
   l. Vomiting more than one time or when accompanied by any other sign or symptom of illness.

(3) A child with any of the following signs or symptoms of illness shall be isolated immediately. Decisions regarding exclusion from the program either immediately or at some later time in the day shall be determined by the program coordinator or team leader and the parent(s). While isolated, the child shall be observed for the following symptoms as well as those listed in paragraph (B)(2) of this rule:

   a. Unusual spots or rashes;
   b. Sore throat or difficulty swallowing;
   c. Elevated temperature;
   d. Vomiting; or...
(e) Evidence of lice, scabies, or other parasitic infestation.

(4) A child suspected of having a communicable disease shall be

(a) Isolated in a room or portion of a room not being used in the school child program;

(b) Within sight or hearing of a staff member;

(c) Made comfortable in a warm, safe environment. All linen and blankets used by an ill child shall be laundered before being used by another child, and cots or recovery/nurse station bed, if used, shall be disinfected; and

(d) Observed carefully for worsening condition.

(C) Each program shall have written policies and procedures for management of communicable disease consistent with the policies of the school district, county board of DD, or eligible nonpublic school board, which shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:

(1) Training of staff members on signs and symptoms, hand-washing, and disinfecting equipment and materials;

(2) Isolating and excluding an ill child;

(3) Caring for a mildly ill child;

(4) Receiving notification from the parent(s) within the same business day when a child has been excluded from school because the child is suspected of having a communicable disease. Notifying, when aware of diagnoses, all parents when children enrolled are exposed to a communicable disease during program time; and

(5) Placing Access to the Ohio department of health's poster "communicable disease chart" (jfs.ohio.gov) or school's communicable disease chart in a conspicuous place for staff reference.