

## **Health Policy**

As a well child facility we continue to maintain an extensive cleaning regimen in order to prevent illness and provide a healthy and safe environment for all students, however there will be times when illness occurs within our school community.

In accordance with the New Jersey Department of Health guidelines for child care facilities, Ponds Valley Preschool encourages all students and staff to remain home when they are sick.

Parents are asked to perform a symptom screening of their child before coming to school and to consult your doctor if symptoms are present. Children who have a fever of 100.4 (38.00C) or above, or other signs of illness including chills, shivers, muscle aches, nausea/vomiting and/or diarrhea should remain home for a minimum of 24 hours from the last occurrence. Additionally, students who are exhibiting excessive coughing and/or nasal discharge should remain home until symptoms are resolving and they can navigate the school day comfortably.

If a child is awaiting COVID-19 test results, they may return to school after a negative COVID test as long as they are fever free and their symptoms are resolving.

If a child has been exposed to COVID or has been diagnosed with COVID they may return to school following the State of New Jersey recommended quarantine period.

If a child begins to exhibit symptoms of illness including fever (100.4 or above), vomiting or diarrhea while they are in school or develops a cough or congestion that prevents them from participating in the school day we will call a parent or emergency contact to pick-up the child.