

## **Sick Child Policy (From the DCA Handbook)**

It is our desire to provide a healthy and safe environment for all of the children at DCA. Parents are encouraged to be considerate of other children when deciding whether to bring a child to school. In general, children with the following symptoms should NOT be dropped off:

- Fever, diarrhea, or vomiting within the last 48 hours
- Green or yellow runny nose
- Eye or skin infections
- Other symptoms of communicable or infectious disease

Parents should inform the school office when a child has a communicable disease. The school reserves the right to determine when a child who has a contagious disease may return to school. Since viruses spread quickly among the students in a classroom, we ask each family to cooperate in order that we may minimize their spread.

In the event of a seriously communicable disease, a licensed, practicing physician shall be consulted to review the case to determine whether or not the student who is ill should be allowed to return to school.

Children who are observed by our workers to be ill will be separated from other children and the parent or guardian will be contacted to request that the child be picked up for the day. It is important that the school have on file several current telephone numbers so that contact can be made quickly with the parent or someone else who can be responsible in place of the parent. If both parents will be out of town for the day, or away from a telephone, the school must be notified ahead of time and arrangements made for contacting a responsible adult in case of emergency.