



KIDWORKS ILLNESS POLICY: For all KidWorks Staff and Guests

A staff member, child, or caregiver may be sent home if he/she:

1. Appears ill and is unable to participate in therapy when modifications are made to the treatment session.
2. Is suspected of having a contagious illness or condition. This includes respiratory viruses. (e.g., hand foot and mouth, RSV, Flu, Covid-19, strep, stomach bug, ringworm, pink eye, undetermined rash and/or scaly patches over any part of the body or scalp, intense itching with signs and symptoms of secondary infection, etc.)
3. Sustains an injury which needs medical attention or close observation.
4. Has head lice or eggs (nits).
5. Exhibited vomiting or diarrhea.
6. Has a fever of 100.4 or greater or had the fever within the last 24 hours. A low-grade fever (99.5-100.3) within the past 24 hours warrants monitoring and taking precautions.

*If the client is restricted or limited in any way due to illness or accident, a note from the doctor at the time of the client's return to therapy will be required.

A staff member, child or caregiver may return to KidWorks when he/she:

1. Has been fever-free for 24 hours without medication.
2. Has been free of vomiting and diarrhea for 24 hours without medication.
3. Has been treating the infection of pink eye with antibiotics for 24 hours or more and/or not experiencing any symptoms.
4. Has been symptom free of rash or intense itching for 24 hours without medication.
5. Has treated head lice and eggs, and they are no longer present.
6. A doctor's note will be required for clients that have any restrictions or limitations due an accident.

Respiratory viruses: A staff member, child, or caregiver may return when symptoms have improved AND the person has been fever free for at least 24 hours without medication. Upon returning, take precautions (mask if possible) and make session modifications for 5 days.

Covid-19 & Flu Exposure:

- A person who was exposed to someone Covid or Flu positive can come to KidWorks if they are asymptomatic.
- Adults should mask and make session modifications for 5 days. Children should mask if possible and with parent permission.
- "It's probably allergies" is enough to warrant someone as symptomatic if they had a known Covid-19 or Flu exposure.
- Covid-19 testing is recommended by the CDC.

Doctor's Note- A staff member or caregiver may supply a doctor's note in order to verify their ability to participate in therapy.

Masks- Masks are used as a safety measure in order to minimize exposure to all illnesses for KidWorks staff and guests. Staff and caregivers may request for masks to be worn by others at any time. A KidWorks employee will only put a mask on a child with the caregiver's verbal or written permission.

Therapy session modifications- Temporary, precautionary measures are at the therapist's discretion at all times. The therapist may recommend masking, telehealth, outdoor sessions, cancellation, or other modifications in order to ensure the health and safety of all.

Lice

- If head lice or eggs are visible, the affected person must go home immediately.
- The therapist or other KidWorks staff member will make note of the incident and post the KidWorks Lice Notification flyer on the front and back door entrances.
- Contaminated clinic surfaces must be cleaned.
- Notify caregivers if another child had a close interaction with a child with lice.
- If parents state that their child may have had lice during a recent visit, clean possibly contaminated surfaces immediately.