



First Presbyterian Weekday School (WDS) Illness Policy

COVID 19

First Presbyterian Weekday School is following the most recent CDC and Mecklenburg County Health Department – Division of Schools Guidelines. If child or family member becomes ill with COVID 19, or has been exposed to COVID-19, please notify a member of the FPC Schools Administrative Staff. For the Weekday School, please notify Lauren McCrory lmccrory@firstpres-charlotte.org and Anita Bennett abennett@firstprescharlotte.org. Notification to staff and other families will be made and we will follow HIPPA regulations during these communications.

Illness

Children in group care will become ill from time to time. The WDS strives to keep infection controlled by using proper sanitizing procedures and by following a strict illness policy. Parent cooperation is vital in making these efforts successful. ***Please notify the WDS when your child contracts a communicable illness, such as COVID-19, flu, strep, pink eye, chicken pox, etc.***

Any child whose physical condition appears such that it could affect the health of that child or the other children in the WDS will not be permitted to stay on campus. The following symptoms or conditions warrant **immediate exclusion** from the classroom environment and the child may not return to the WDS until the child has been symptom and fever free for a **full 24 hours** and/or Doctor's note, depending on symptoms:

1. Fever of 100.4° or more and/or accompanied by other symptoms such as COVID 19 symptoms (*reference FPC School's Illness Policy and Travel Restriction Policy for a detailed listing*), uncontrollable discharge from nose, eyes or ears, lethargy, irritability, constant crying, difficulty breathing, diarrhea, vomiting;
2. Loose stools, 2 or more events: child will be excluded from school for a full 24 hours and no recurring symptoms;
3. Vomiting: child will be excluded from school for a full 24 hours and no recurring symptoms;
4. Pink Eye: child will be excluded from school until has been on prescription ointment for a full 24 hours;
5. Ringworm;
6. Impetigo;
7. Rash/hives (unexplained);
8. Abnormal behaviors, such as irritability, continuous crying, anything requiring more attention than a teacher is able to provide without neglecting or endangering the other children in the class;
9. Scabies or Head Lice;
10. Thrush (in the case of infants);
11. Other contagious/communicable illnesses.

Return to School: Children who become ill during the school day will not be permitted to return until a full 24 hour period has passed. Children who's 24-hour period ends after the start of the school day should not return until the next scheduled school day.

Some illnesses will require medical attention and treatment before a child can return to school. If medications are needed the child must be off medication for 24 hours prior to returning. ***** Please do not provide fever reducing medications to your child prior to arriving at the WDS campus. If your child requires fever reducing medications, they should remain at home until they have been without fever reducing medications for a full 24 hours. ** We*** reserve the right to request a negative COVID-19 PCR test and/or physician's note before allowing a child to remain in and/or return to school. A child may continue to be excluded, regardless of a physician's recommendation, at the Director's discretion to ensure the health of all children and staff.

If contacted by the WDS to pick up a sick child, parents are responsible for doing so promptly. The WDS does not have the resources to care for a sick child and cannot expose other children to potential contagions. In case of an emergency, the WDS will attempt to reach (*in the following order*): parents, emergency contact listed on the child's emergency-card, physician, and hospital (*if necessary*).

If either parent or the emergency contact cannot be reached, we will secure any necessary medical treatment or care that's warranted. **Be sure to keep cell phones turned on and/or check voice mail and emails frequently in case we need to reach you. Please make sure we have the most updated contact information for all people listed on the emergency-card.**

The WDS has a medical consultant on call. The name and number are located in the Director's office. First Presbyterian Church employs a part time Parish nurse who is also available to the WDS.

Medication

FPC Schools staff will no longer administer medications to children. This includes nebulizers, ear/eye drops, pain relieving medications and/or other oral medications. The following exceptions may apply:

- EpiPen and Benadryl in the case of Food Related Allergies. Parents will need to complete an Allergy Action Plan Form.
- Seizure Disorder Related Medications. Parents will need to complete a Medical Action Plan- Seizure Form.
- Asthma Inhalers. Parents will need to complete a Medical Action Plan- Asthma Form
- Diaper Ointment/Cream. Parents will need to complete a Medication Administration Permission for Over-the-Counter Topical Medications form.

Sunscreen and bug repellent should be applied before arriving at school in the morning.