

As of April 2021

Children's Ministries

Sick Policy

Hyde Park United Methodist's policy is that children who show any signs of illness should not be in the classroom or childcare area. According to the recommendations by the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics, a child needs to be at home for these conditions:

- Fever (100.4 or higher) or chills
- Muscle or body aches
- Excessive fatigue
- Vomiting
- Nausea
- Headache
- New loss of taste/smell
- Diarrhea one (1) or more times in a day (Diarrhea definition from the Mayo Clinic: Diarrhea describes loose, watery stools that occur more frequently than usual.)
- Evidence of live lice, nits, scabies or other parasites
- Any symptoms of childhood diseases such as chicken pox, flu, strep throat, fifth disease, scarlet fever or any other contagious diseases
- Congestion/Runny nose
- Sore throat or difficulty swallowing
- Cough
- Unusual spots, skin rashes or untreated infected skin patches
- Pinkeye or other eye infections (Redness of the eye with obvious discharge, matted eyelashes and itchy eyes)
- Rapid or difficult breathing, shortness of breath
- Yellowish skin or eyes
- Unusually dark urine and/or gray stool
- Stiff neck with elevated temperature
- Any communicable disease

While in our programming/care, if a child is showing or complaining of symptoms, they will be taken to a more isolated area (away from other children) and parents will be contacted and asked to come pick up.

Please keep your child(ren) home for 14 days after their last contact with a person who has or may have COVID-19.

Children may return when the child is visibly free from communicable disease which includes being fever free without the benefit of fever reducing medication for 48 hours and free from vomit or diarrhea for 48 hours while on a normal diet.

Thank you for helping keep our church a positive, healthy place for our children and families to grow closer to God.