

Hazel Creek Montessori Sick Policy

It is extremely important to monitor your child's health at home before bringing them to school. If they are dropped off and we observe that they have symptoms, your child tells us they are sick, or that they vomited the night before, you will be asked to return immediately to pick them up from our care.

Hazel Creek Montessori follows the health and safety guidelines set forth by the WA DCYF and WA DOH. We will not allow children to attend our school or remain in our care, if they have the following symptoms:

1. Fever of 100 F
2. Diarrhea
3. Sore throat
4. Rash (must be seen by a doctor to determine the cause)
5. Signs of an illness, fatigue, irritability or confusion
6. Vomiting
7. Eye discharge or pink eye (must be seen by a doctor to determine the cause)
8. Oozing sores
9. Lice or Scabies
10. See COVID-19 Policy for further information

Per state regulations, your child must stay home until:

1. They have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications
2. Have not had diarrhea for 24 hours
3. Have not vomited for 24 hours
4. Any/all other symptoms have significantly improved

If our staff has a concern about a child's ability to safely return to our care, we reserve the right to request a note from the child's healthcare provider.

Children enrolled at Hazel Creek Montessori need to have their current immunization records on file. Hazel Creek Montessori is part of the Washington State Immunization Information System (WAIIS) School and Child Care Immunization Module and will access students' existing immunization records in the WAIIS entered by healthcare providers. If we are unable to access your child's immunization record through the WAIIS, you must complete a WA State CIS form or WA State Immunization Exemption form.

Hazel Creek Montessori COVID-19 Policy

Per WA DOH guidance, as COVID-19 becomes more similar to other respiratory viruses including influenza and RSV, we will adhere to WA DOH and CDC Respiratory Virus Guidance, rather than additional virus-specific guidance.

If you suspect that your child has COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19 you must take **all** of the following safety measures:

1. Keep your child home until they have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications
2. Keep your child home until their symptoms have significantly improved
3. Notify us immediately if your child tests positive for COVID-19 so that we may communicate necessary information to families that may have vulnerable household members

WA DOH recommends the following additional precautions for up to 5 days after returning to normal activities:

- Wear a mask indoors (If possible for children ages 3 and over)
- Practice good hygiene (Washing hands, covering coughs, wiping noses)
- Practice social distancing

Additional Information

Respiratory viruses, including COVID-19, influenza, and RSV symptoms include:

- New/worsening cough
- Fever
- Chills
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New/worsening runny or stuffy nose or sneezing
- Chest discomfort
- Decrease in appetite
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue
- Muscle/Body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Weakness
- Wheezing