



# Stoney Creek Co-operative Preschool

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## Health Policy:

It is our goal to provide a secure and safe environment for your family. This includes giving your child a *healthy* place to learn and grow. While we understand and sympathize that keeping a sick child home from preschool is extremely difficult for some parents, *it is the number one contributing factor to the cycle of illness that can occur in a centre!*

**These health policies are in place to protect your child, others enrolled in the Centre, and the staff.**

Do not bring a sick child to preschool! It is unfair to your child, the other children, and the staff as well. If a child is sick, it is the parents' responsibility to inform the staff of the preschool of the child's condition so it can be recorded on the Daily Health record sheet.

**A child with the following symptoms should be kept at home:**

- Continuous and/or copious green or yellow nasal discharge
- Persistent and/or undiagnosed coughing and sneezing
- Fever of more than 38.3 Celsius (100F)
- Rash, Unexplained diarrhea, Vomiting, Difficulty breathing, Sore throat
- Known or suspected communicable diseases (ex: head lice, pink eye, chicken pox, Hand Foot & Mouth etc.) -

**You must inform the centre of any illness or communicable illness your child may have contracted, so we can implement preventative measures with in the centre.**

**Please note that under the illness of a fever or vomiting our policy is 24 hours before returning to preschool.** Example: If your child has a fever in the evening, he/she should not be brought to the center in the morning, even if his/her temperature is normal. Fever is defined as 38.3 Celsius (100° F) or higher.

If your child has been prescribed with antibiotics or suspected of communicable diseases our policy requires them to be home for 72 hours (and/or a doctor's note stating they have been treated / no longer contagious etc.) before returning to preschool.

## Pandemic

In the event of a pandemic in our area, Stoney Creek Cooperative Preschool may close down for an undetermined amount of time to ensure less spreading of disease. We will follow any requirements issued by the Department of the Public Health.



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## **Inclement Weather:**

In the event of impending severe weather conditions, parents should consider the safety of their children in deciding whether or not to send them to preschool;

Parents should stay tuned to the Hamilton and area radio stations for weather reports and School Board announcements;

The Stoney Creek Cooperative Preschool will follow suit with the Hamilton Wentworth Public and Catholic District School Boards - If local elementary schools are closed so is the preschool!