



Illness and Exclusion Policy

In accordance with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission Minimum Standards for Child Care Centers, Mt. Olive Preschool observes and enforces the following illness and exclusion policies. A child will be excluded from care in the following circumstances:

1. The illness prevents the child from participating comfortably in the classroom activities (e.g., the child wants to lie down or be held for long periods).
2. The illness results in a greater need for care than the staff can provide without compromising the health, safety, and supervision of the other children.
3. The child has any of the following:
 - a. Oral temperature of 101 degrees Fahrenheit or greater, armpit temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater;
 - b. Uncontrollable diarrhea or 2 or more episodes of vomiting in 24 hours;
 - c. Any other symptoms of serious illness such as lethargy, abnormal breathing, rash with fever, mouth sores with drooling, or behavior changes; or
 - d. A health-care professional has diagnosed the child with a communicable disease, and the child does not have medical documentation to indicate that the child is not contagious.

The student is not permitted to return to school until he/she is free of fever, diarrhea, or vomiting for 24 hours **WITHOUT** medications. In the event a child becomes ill at school, the child will be excluded from the classroom. The parent will be contacted and should come immediately to pick up the child. When called to pick up a child due to illness that occurs during the school day, parents must pick up their sick child **within one hour of notification** or be subject to late pick-up policy and fees. COVID protocols enacted by federal, state or local officials, or Mt. Olive's governance board supersede policies/timelines and symptoms listed in this policy.

Full cooperation of all parents is required for the preschool to maintain a healthy environment. I have read and agree to comply with the policy stated above. I understand that failure to comply with this policy may result in the loss of enrollment at Mt. Olive Preschool. I understand that I may access this policy on the preschool's website and may ask questions about this policy at any time by contacting the preschool office.

Child's Name (Printed)

Date of Birth

Parent or Legal Guardian's Name (Printed)

Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature

Date