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PCNS's Management of Communicable Disease

During any outbreak of a communicable disease at the Nursery School, each parent whose child may have been exposed to the disease shall receive written notice of the outbreak.

Excerpts from the Manual of Requirements for Child Care Centers:

1. A center serving well children shall not permit a child who has any of the illnesses or symptoms of illness specified below to be admitted to the center on a given day unless medical diagnosis from a licensed physician, which has been communicated to the center in writing, or verbally with a written follow-up, indicating that the child poses no serious health risk to himself or herself or to other children. Such illnesses or symptoms of illness shall include, but not be limited to, any of the following:

- i. Severe pain or discomfort;
- ii. Acute diarrhea, characterized as twice the child's usual frequency of bowel movements with a change to a looser consistency within a period of 24 hours;
- iii. Two or more episodes of acute vomiting within a period of 24 hours;
- iv. Elevated oral temperature of 101.5 degrees Fahrenheit or over, or an axillary temperature of 100.5 degrees Fahrenheit or over, in conjunction with behavior changes;
- v. Sore throat or severe coughing;
- vi. Yellow eyes or jaundiced skin;
- vii. Red eyes with discharge;
- viii. Infected, untreated skin patches;
- ix. Difficult or rapid breathing or severe coughing;
- x. Skin rashes in conjunction with fever or behavior changes;
- xi. Weeping or bleeding skin lesions that have not been treated by a health care provider;
- xii. Mouth sores or drooling; or
- xiii. Stiff neck

2. Once the child is symptom-free, or a licensed physician indicates that the child poses no serious health risk to himself or herself or to other children, the child may return to the center.

3. If a child who has already been admitted to the center manifests any of the illnesses or symptoms of illness specified in 1. Above, the center shall remove the child from the group of well children to a separate room or area, as specified in N. J. A. C.10:122-5.3(r)4, until:



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- i. He or she can be taken from the center; or
- ii. The director or his or her designee has communicated verbally with a licensed physician, who indicates that the child poses no serious health risk to himself, herself or to other children; at which time the child may return to the group.

4. The center may exclude a child whose illness prevents the child from participating comfortably in activities, or results in a greater need for care than the staff can provide without compromising the health and safety of other children at the center.

(d) The following provisions relate to excludable communicable diseases:

The center shall not permit a child or staff member with an excludable communicable disease, as specified in the table below, to be admitted to or remain at the center, until:

- i. A note from the child's or staff member's licensed physician states that the child or staff member, respectively, has been diagnosed and presents no risk to himself, herself or to others; or
- ii. The center has contacted the State Department of Health's Communicable Disease Program or local health department pediatric health consultant and is told the child or staff member poses no health risk to others.