

POLICY & PROCEDURE

BLYTHEDALE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

SUBJECT: Day Hospital Sick Policy	
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POLICY:

Screening is conducted on all students attending the Day Hospital and school program to identify febrile illness and prevent potential COVID-19 exposure. Masks are required for students as long as they are physically able to remove the mask without assistance.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to the Day Hospital Program and students who attend the Mt Pleasant / Blythedale School.

PROCEDURE:

1. Parents are instructed to monitor their child for the following symptoms:
 - Fever (greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit), chills
 - Cough, shortness of breath
 - Fatigue, muscle / body aches
 - Sore throat
 - Loss of taste and/or smell
 - Nasal congestion
 - Nausea / vomiting / diarrhea
2. A notice will be sent weekly (Sunday) as a reminder to monitor their child for any symptoms.
3. Children who exhibit any of the above symptoms must be evaluated by their primary care physician and are excluded from program until cleared.
4. Children with symptoms consistent with common childhood illness such as strep throat or ear infection can return to program with a clearance note from their primary care physician.
5. Students will have their temperature checked by the bus attendant prior to boarding. Any student with an elevated temperature will not be allowed to board the bus.
6. All students will be kept in same cohort group for the duration of the program.

For Students who are absent or who do not pass temperature screen before getting on bus:

1. Day Hospital clinical staff will call each absent student's parent/guardian the day of the absence
2. Day Hospital will inquire the reason for the absence and document.

3. If the student is ill, an evaluation of symptoms will be performed and documented.
4. Encourage family to see doctor; follow-up daily with family for duration of illness.

If symptoms consistent with COVID-19:

1. Encourage family to have the student get tested.
2. The student will remain on remote learning/telehealth until the result comes back.
 - Negative test result: student must be fever/symptom free for 3 days
 - Not tested/Positive test: Student must remain out for a minimum of 10 days from the date of first symptom and be fever/symptom free for 3 days.
3. If symptoms NOT consistent with COVID19 the student can return when symptom free and or cleared by their primary care physician.

For Students who arrive to BCH but do not pass symptom screen or fall ill during program:

1. Day Hospital Staff will isolate student in Day Hospital nursing area.
2. An evaluation of the symptoms will be conducted and documented.
3. Students parent/guardian will be contacted to pick-up asap and advised of the symptoms.
See protocol above.

If a student tests positive for COVID-19:

1. Student cohort and staff must be notified to stay home and self-monitor for 14 days.
2. Space will be cleaned with the hospital approved germicide including the use of the ultraviolet disinfection. CDC recommends waiting 24 hours prior to cleaning and disinfection.
3. Once area is appropriately disinfected it may be re-opened for use.

If staff member tests positive:

1. Students and staff who had close contact with positive staff member must be contacted and told to stay home and self-monitor for 14 days.
2. Cleaning procedures as above.

REFERENCE:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>