

Mary Linsmeier Schools

Temporary Illness Policy in Response to the Coronavirus

For the safety of the children, staff and parents at this time we have made changes to our Illness Policy

- Any children with the following symptoms will be sent home:
 - fever of 100 degrees or higher
 - uncontrollable coughing
 - difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
 - vomiting
 - diarrhea
 - While vomiting and diarrhea are not symptoms of Coronavirus they are symptoms of the various flu viruses and can cause lowered immune systems, making them more susceptible to getting additional illnesses.
- Children that are sent home with these symptoms must remain out of child care for 48 hours after symptoms are no longer present. If they are taken to the doctor and are tested for Coronavirus and Influenza and have a non-communicable disease, such as ear infection, they can provide documentation to return sooner
- We are increasing cleaning at the centers and encouraging handwashing even more than we already do. We encourage everyone to do their best to avoid mass gatherings of people until this initial wave of cases either passes or increases. And at that time the procedures/closings policies may change.
- If a parent or direct family member is quarantined please limit contact with your child, no mouth kissing, sharing plates, cups etc. As long as your child not showing symptoms they can still attend if that is the parents' choice. At this time the Health Department is NOT recommending excluding children. This may also change if cases increase in our area.