

# Earthplace Preschool Health & Wellness Policy



*This is an excerpt of the policy to highlight some important information. The policy in its entirety can be found on our website at: <http://earthplacepreschool.org/page/health>*

**Staying Home Until Well Policy:** Children who have a fever must remain at home for 24 hours after the child's temperature returns to normal without the aid of fever reducing medications such as ibuprofen or acetaminophen. Children who have diarrhea or are vomiting must also remain at home for at least 24 hours after the diarrhea and vomiting have completely stopped. Keeping a child at home for this 24-hour period helps to ensure that the illness has passed. This is for the protection of all of the children and staff.

**The exclusion period for children with a communicable disease and the return policy is stated in the following list:**

- *Chickenpox (Varicella):* Until all sores have dried and crusted (usually six days)
- *Conjunctivitis\*:* after three treatments with medication prescribed by a physician for this occurrence and completely asymptomatic for 24 hours. You must provide a note from the health care provider to certify that child is not infectious.
- *Diarrhea:* Until 24 hours have passed with no diarrhea.
- *Diphtheria\*:* Until two negative cultures collected 24 hours after completion of medication
- *Difficult or rapid breathing\*:* Until cleared by health care provider in writing
- *Fever 100.3° F orally:* Excluded when accompanied by behavior changes, signs, and symptoms of illness. May return when fever-free (without medication) for 24 hours
- *Fungus or ringworm\*:* Excluded at end of school day. May return when certified by health care provider that patient is under adequate treatment and no longer infectious
- *Hepatitis A\*:* Until one week after onset of illness, jaundice, or as directed by health care dept. when passive immunoprophylaxis has been administered to appropriate children and staff
- *Impetigo\*:* Until 24 hours after treatment began.
- *Influenza\*:* Until clinically well and cleared by a health care provider
- *Measles:* Four days after rash appears and child is well
- *Meningitis\* (all forms):* Until certified by a physician as cured and not infectious
- *Mumps:* Until nine days after onset of parotid gland swelling
- *Pediculosis (Head Lice)\*:* From the end of the day until after first treatment
- *Pertussis (Whooping Cough):* After five days of appropriate antibiotic therapy
- *Poison Ivy, Oak, Sumac:* No exclusion
- *Poliomyelitis\*:* Ten days from onset and certified as not infectious by physician
- *Rash\*:* Until diagnosed by a physician plus certification that patient is under adequate treatment or is not infectious
- *Rubella (German Measles):* Until six days after onset of rash
- *Scabies\*:* Until certified by health care provider that adequate treatment has been given to prevent transmission
- *Strep Throat or other strep infections:* Until 24 hours after initial antibiotic therapy and cessation of fever without fever suppressant medications for 24 hours
- *Tuberculosis (active)\*:* Until health care provider states that child is on appropriate therapy and can attend child care

*\*These illnesses require a note in order for your child to come back to school.*

# Earthplace Preschool Health & Wellness Policy continued



## **Health Assessment Record**

Connecticut State Law requires that children who attend our school must have had a physical examination by the family doctor within one year. The results of the current medical exam must be on a completed, state approved Health Assessment Record Form. We recommend that parents keep a copy of the current, completed medical form at home for their records. As per state licensing regulations, if a current, completed medical form is not in our files on the first day of school; your child CANNOT be permitted to start school. Children must be current for routine screening tests and immunizations according to the schedule listed on the State of Connecticut Early Childhood Health Assessment Record.

Your child's medical form may expire during the school year. We will contact you a month in advance, so that you will have time to make an appointment for a physical. In accordance with Connecticut State Law you now have a 30-day allowance from the date that it expires. Please help us by scheduling an appointment in advance for the needed physical. When a child is overdue for any routine health services, parents/legal guardians must provide evidence of an appointment for those services before the child may attend school.

## **Flu shot**

The Connecticut State Department of Health requires that all children enrolled in childcare programs have a flu shot. The shot needs to be given before December in the school year the child is attending. A record of the shot must be on the Health Record or on a separate form in order to remain in compliance with the state licensing regulations.

# Earthplace Preschool

## Code of Conduct Policy



At Earthplace Preschool, our goal is to promote positive relationships between all children and adults to encourage each child's sense of individual worth and belonging as part of a community and to foster each child's ability to contribute as a responsible community member. With that goal in mind, we have developed a Code of Conduct for all adults in our program including, staff, parents, caregivers, volunteers, and visitors to ensure that we act as role models for our students.

### The Code of Conduct reads:

#### Please Do:

- Treat others with respect and dignity regardless of race, creed, sexual orientation, disability, or any other ground
- Protect the privacy and confidentiality of our parents, guardians, teachers, volunteers, and students
- Share all concerns and comments with the teachers first before speaking to the director
- Understand that the Preschool Playgrounds are for school use only during school hours, Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM
- Understand that once you have signed your child out of class, you must vacate all preschool spaces including classrooms and playgrounds
- Use the Earthplace Building in a respectful manner
- Encourage children to follow the safety rules of our school while in the public spaces such as Natureplace and The Animal Hall:
  - Use walking feet
  - Stay with your adult
  - Use quiet voices
  - Care for people and property with kindness and respect
  - Be safe

#### Please Refrain From:

- All forms of corporal punishment
- Inappropriate behavior or harassment of any kind towards a student, parent/guardian, or teacher
  - Inappropriate behavior includes but is not limited to harassment or intimidation by written note, email, words, gestures and/or body language.
- Using inappropriate language or displaying aggressive or threatening behavior toward staff, children, or other parents while in view of our students or anywhere on our premises.
- Verbal attacks on other children and/or Staff, which include Racial or other discriminatory incidents, the use of threats, name-calling, as well as repeated profane or degrading language. Individuals engaging in such behavior will be asked to leave the premises immediately.
- Discussing sensitive issues within earshot of children
- Attempting to pick up your child if you are impaired by alcohol or other substances
- Allowing children to engage in unsafe behavior while in your care
- Unsafe behavior includes:
  - Running inside the building
  - Climbing on furniture
  - Jumping off of furniture
  - Being removed from adult supervision

# Earthplace Preschool Code of Conduct Policy continued



## **Breach of this Code of Conduct:**

- Will result in immediate intervention up to and including the family's expulsion from the building or from any school programs including preschool, after school, summer camp, and field trips
- Closure of public spaces including Natureplace and The Animal Hall
- The Earthplace Preschool administration will decide whether the situation calls for police involvement

If an incident should occur in which the parent/guardian breaches the Earthplace Preschool Code of Conduct, the parent/guardian will be given written notice warning them of their inappropriate behavior. The second infraction will result in written notice of immediate withdrawal. Certain serious infractions will result in immediate withdrawal of any and all programs under the Earthplace Preschool license including:

- Preschool
- After School Enrichment Programs for Preschool and School-Age children
- Summer Camp

# Parent Statement



**Please complete and return this page to the preschool office.**

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**I have read and I understand the Health & Wellness Policy.**

- I agree to submit a valid (within one year from date of exam) Health Assessment Record to Earthplace Preschool on or before 08/2/2019.
  - If my child has a fever, diarrhea, or vomiting, he or she must stay at home until 24 hours have passed with no symptoms and without the aid of medication.
  - I must submit proof of influenza vaccine or Religious Exemption Form (must be notarized) on or before December 1st of the current school year.
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**I have read and I understand the Earthplace Code of Conduct Policy.**

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Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name *(please print)*: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name & Class *(please print)*: \_\_\_\_\_