

BOWMONT COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

Health Policy

Your child's health and the health of our preschool community is a matter of great importance to us. Therefore, we ask that sick children not be brought to preschool and we reserve the right to send your child home if symptoms of illness become evident, or if the child is unable to participate fully in the program. The following regulations enforced by the Child Care Licensing Act guides how we respond to illness, medication and all factors that may impact the health and wellbeing of those who attend Bowmont Community Preschool.

Schedule 5.1 Childcare Licensing Regulation

Potential Health Risk:

Where a staff member knows or has reason to believe that a child may be suffering from a disease listed in Schedule 1 to the Communicable Diseases Regulation (AR 238/85), the license holder must ensure;

- (a) that the child's parent arranges for immediate removal of the program premises and**
- (b) that the child does not return to the program premises until the license holder is satisfied that the child no longer poses a health risk to persons on the program premises.**

Illness:

Illness is defined as: (1) vomiting, fever, diarrhea or a new or unexplained rash or cough. (2) requiring greater care and attention than can be provided without compromising the care of the other children (3) having or displaying any other illness or symptom the staff member knows or believes may indicate that the child poses a health risk to others.

Please keep your child home if they are exhibiting any of the symptoms provided above. The child must be monitored for a minimum of 24 hours. To avoid transmission within the preschool, the child can return once they are symptom free. If a child returns to preschool still exhibiting signs of illness, they may be sent home.

For reference, normal temperatures are:

- Forehead: 35.4-37.5°C (95.8-99.5 °F)
- Mouth: 35.5-37.5°C (95.9-99.5 °F)
- Underarm: 36.5-37.5°C (97.7-99.5 °F)
- Ear (not recommended in infants): 35.8-38.0°C (96.4-100.4°F).

Covid-19 Policy

Although the Government has removed all isolation requirements, we as a preschool will continue to monitor for the core symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of sense of smell or taste). If a child develops symptoms while at the facility, the child's parents will be contacted for immediate removal. The child must be monitored for a minimum of 24 hours. To avoid transmission within the preschool, the child can return once they are symptom free. If a child returns to preschool still exhibiting signs of illness, they may be sent home.

Emergency Medication

Bowmont Community Preschool staff will not administer prescribed or over the counter medication. If your child requires an EpiPen or Inhaler, one must be kept in the classroom (not in your child's backpack as all medications must not be accessible to children). Please provide the medication well labeled with your child's name in a small pack. A space out of the reach of children will be made available for your child's medication. All staff members will be informed of this should the medication be needed. In addition, a medication record and release form must be signed by a parent allowing teachers to administer in the case of an emergency. Note: Medication must have a current date and valid prescription on the container.

Accident or Illness

In the case of accidental injury or sudden illness, an immediate attempt to contact parents will be made. If parents cannot be reached, staff will contact the emergency numbers listed on the registration form.

Note: For record keeping, an accident/incident report will be filled out for incidences deemed serious enough for first aid to be administered and a parent signature will be required. These records are kept on file for 3 years.

Emergency Evacuation:

See the emergency evacuation procedures posted at both entries of the preschool playroom.

*As required by the Fire and Safety Sector, Fire drills are practiced monthly with the students.

Smoking/Vaping/Marijuana

No person or staff member shall smoke tobacco or marijuana or vape anywhere on the program premises. No staff member shall engage in the above where childcare is being provided. This includes the community playground.