



## Contagious Illnesses Policy

We recognize that each family involved in the Farm School has different feelings and different levels of comfort when it comes to viruses and illnesses in general. Our goal is to keep the school open, keep your children healthy while at school, and create an environment of respect for each family's choices and beliefs.

### We take the following preventative measures:

- Windows will be open, whenever the weather and air quality allow, to increase ventilation and air flow
- Children and staff will wash hands at scheduled times throughout the day (upon arrival, before snack, before tasting or preparing food, and after touching animals) and we also encourage good handwashing practices after using the bathroom, blowing one's nose, or other potential germ transmission.
- We sanitize toys and frequently touched surfaces on a regular basis.

### Sick Child Policy

As a general rule, if your child is too sick to enjoy participating in all parts of the day, (s)he should stay home. Please **DO** **NOT** send your child to school if (s)he has:

1. Undiagnosed rash
2. Cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing
3. Runny nose, including large quantities of green or yellow snot
4. Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea
5. A temperature of 100°F or above or chills
6. Throat/ear infection, or difficulty swallowing
7. Bacterial infection; streptococcal pharyngitis (Strep Throat) or impetigo
8. Contagious conjunctivitis (pink eye) or pus draining from the eye
9. Evidence of lice, scabies, ringworm, or other parasitic infestation

If you bring your child to school and (s)he is visibly unwell, we will ask you to take your child home. **Please do not put us in the position of having to tell you (in front of your child) that (s)he cannot come to school.**

If your child gets sick during school, we will call you to come and pick her/him up. If we cannot reach you, we will call the persons you designated on the emergency contact sheet. Your child will be separated from the other children and made comfortable. Someone will stay with your child until you arrive.

Please notify us if your child has been exposed to, or has, a contagious disease. If children have been exposed to a highly contagious or serious communicable disease while at school, families will be notified as soon as possible.

### Covid-19 specific information

- If your enrolled child tests positive for Covid-19, please keep your child home. Please notify us of any positive tests within your household. We will keep this information confidential.