



## **Sick Policy**

We understand the importance of a consistent schedule to our families. While we cannot anticipate an interruption in service, it may be necessary for the school to close due to recommendations by the health department and/or CDC due to wide-spread illness. We are doing our part through increased cleaning and sanitization. Please help do your part by keeping your child home if they or anyone in close contact with your child becomes sick.

For the health and safety of all children and staff, it is imperative that you keep sick children at home. If a child or family member living in the same household has any of the following symptoms, the child may not attend school or may be sent home from school if they exhibit any of the following symptoms:

1. Temperature of 99.5 or higher as read by an infra-red thermometer
2. Excessive cough
3. Shortness of breath or rapid breathing
4. Muscle aches
5. Headache
6. Sore Throat or difficulty swallowing
7. Loss of taste or smell
8. Conjunctivitis
9. Lice
10. Diarrhea or vomiting
11. Rash or open sores (Hand/Foot/Mouth, Chickenpox, impetigo, etc)

If a child becomes sick at school, s/he will be isolated from others and expected to be picked up within 30 minutes. Please be sure all parties listed as contacts are accessible to be reached by phone or email in a timely manner.

## **Immunization Policy**



For each child enrolled, the parent (or legal guardian) must provide within 14 days of enrollment, a current immunization record appropriate for the child's age. Only medical exemptions accompanied by a physician signed note will be allowed. It is the responsibility of the parent (or legal guardian) to update the file when the health records change.

### **General Health Policies and Procedures**

1. A Medical Form, current Immunization form, and Emergency Contact form must be submitted to the school within 14 days of enrollment.
2. 911 will be used in emergencies. Children will be taken to the nearest hospital for emergency medical care.
3. For minor injuries, staff will notify parents and complete an incident form to send home at the end of the day.
4. Parents will be notified by email when children have been exposed to a communicable disease. Please inform the school if your child becomes ill with any communicable disease.
5. For the health and safety of students and staff, Tate Academy is a smoke and vape free environment.
6. Tate Academy reserves the right to send any child home if at least two (2) members of the school staff, in their sole discretion, believe that the child may pose a risk to themselves, other children, and/or Tate Academy staff.
7. Handwashing is required by all staff, volunteers, and students. Everyone entering the school must wash their hands upon arriving for the day, after diapering, or using the toilet, after handling body fluids, before meals and snacks, before preparing or serving food, or after handling any raw food that requires cooking. (Food service gloves must be worn when serving food), after water play that is shared by two or more people, after handling pets and other animals or material such as sand, dirt or surfaces that might be contaminated by animals, and when moving from one group to another that involves infants and toddlers. Adults also wash their hands before and after feeding a child, before and after giving medication, after assisting a child with toileting and after handling garbage or cleaning.

Proper hand washing includes using liquid soap and running water, rubbing hands vigorously for 20 seconds, including back of hands, wrists between fingers, under fingernails, under and around jewelry, rinsing well and drying with a single use paper towel and avoiding touching the faucet with just washed hands.