

POLICY REGARDING COMMUNICABLE DISEASES  
BETHANY CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL AND MOTHER'S MORNING OUT

A critical function of the Bethany Christian Pre-School and Mother's Morning Out programs (the "School") is to provide a safe environment for all students and staff members. A student or staff member with a communicable disease poses a threat to the health of others attending or working at the School. The School will enforce the following Policy to protect its students and staff from communicable diseases.

1. Definition of Communicable Disease. For the purposes of this Policy, the term "communicable disease" means any biological condition of a person caused by an infectious agent or its toxic products which is capable of being transmitted, directly or indirectly, to another person. Communicable diseases include, but are not limited to, chicken pox, shingles, conjunctivitis (pink eye), German measles, measles, mumps, scarlet fever, strep throat, whooping cough, lice, ringworm, scabies, impetigo, and methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus ("MRSA").

2. Control Measures.

(a) Parents of students and staff members are encouraged to take reasonable precautions with respect to communicable diseases, including affirmative measures to assure early recognition of symptoms and prompt diagnosis and treatment.

(b) The Governing Board of the School shall request the administration of Bethany United Methodist Church to take reasonable measures at the School facilities to prevent the transmission of communicable diseases, including regular cleaning and sanitation measures.

3. Required Communications.

(a) Students and staff members shall comply with good health practices, including regular medical check-ups and having any irregular physical condition diagnosed by a licensed physician.

(b) The parent of a student who has been diagnosed with a communicable disease shall give the School Director prompt written notice of the diagnosis.

(c) Each School staff member who has been diagnosed with a communicable disease shall give the School Director prompt written notice of the diagnosis.

(d) After receiving written notice that a student or staff member has been diagnosed with a communicable disease, the School Director shall notify preschool families and members of the School staff stating that a student or staff member has been so diagnosed and identifying the communicable disease. The identity of the student or staff member shall not be disclosed in the notice. The requirements of this Section 3(d) are subject to any contrary provisions of applicable law.

4. Exclusion from School.

(a) Any student or staff member with a communicable disease shall refrain from attending classes or other functions at the School until cleared to return by the School Director. The School Director shall not clear a person for return to the School unless the School Director has determined that the person no longer has the communicable disease or that appropriate measures have been taken so as to eliminate any substantial risk of the communicable disease being transmitted to another person at the School.

(b) The School Director shall have the absolute right to (i) exclude any person from the School suspected of having a communicable disease, and (ii) refuse to clear any person for return to the School without a written statement satisfactory to the School Director signed by a licensed physician unconditionally stating that the person no longer has a communicable disease or that there is no substantial risk of the person transmitting the communicable disease to another person at the School.

(c) The following are offered as guidelines regarding the length of exclusion from the School normally required with respect to specific communicable diseases:

Chicken pox and shingles	Six days from crop of vesicles or when lesions are dry
Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	24 hours after initiation of treatment
German measles	Later of (i) four days from onset, and (ii) when rash is gone and body temperature has returned to normal
Measles	Four days from onset of rash
Mumps	Later of (i) nine days from onset, and (ii) when swelling has subsided
Scarlet fever	Later of (i) seven days from onset, and (ii) 24 hours after initiation of appropriate antibiotics
Strep throat	24 hours after initiation of appropriate antibiotics
Whooping cough	Later of (i) four weeks from onset, and (ii) seven days after initiation of appropriate antibiotics
MRSA, head lice, Ring worm of body, Ring worm of scalp,	

Scabies and impetigo

Written clearance from a licensed physician required

The undersigned, being either a member of the School staff or the parent or other legal guardian of a student at the School, hereby acknowledges receipt of the foregoing policy and that he or she has read and understands his or her obligations under the Policy.

Date:

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Director

Date:

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Parent or Guardian of Student

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_