

Wellford Baptist Church Preschool Health Policies

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Control of Infectious Diseases of the American Academy of Pediatrics, children who have any of the following conditions should not be brought to a church program or function:

- A. Temperature of 100 degrees or higher (in the last 24 hours)
- B. Vomiting
- C. Uncontrolled diarrhea
- D. Severe coughing/sneezing, if persistent and/or productive
- E. Excessive or discolored discharge from nose and/or eyes
- F. Sore throat
- G. Pink eye or eye infection
- H. Body or head lice
- I. Any skin infection (boils, ringworm, impetigo)
- J. Any symptom of infectious childhood diseases

If a child develops a fever or other symptoms described above during the time he/she is in the Preschool Area, they will be isolated and the parents/guardians paged to take the child home.

Preschool personnel will not administer ANY medication. Parents/Guardians must administer all medications.

All play material and teaching materials are to be washed after each teaching session using the Bleach Water solution or Clorox surface spray or Clorox wipes located on upper shelf.

For the protection of your child, preschool personnel will wear medical grade non latex gloves while diapering, cleaning toilet accidents, or dealing with any situation where bodily fluids are evident.

Anytime one child is exposed to the bodily fluid of another child or teacher, the parents/guardians will be informed.

If a child is known to have an infectious and/or contagious disease, the parents/guardians are expected to inform the Preschool Minister.

When it is known that a group of children have been exposed to a disease that can easily be spread from one person to another, parents/guardians and teachers will be notified. Parents/Guardians or teachers should contact their own physician for guidance.

Parents should label all belongings of the preschooler, this includes: bottles, cups, pacifiers, toys, blankets, etc.

Diapering Policy

Reason this policy is important: Children's diapers, staff involved in changing diapers and the diaper changing area/supplies have the potential to spread germs and disease. Following proper procedures and room set up will reduce the contamination of the setting (hands, furnishings and floors) and decrease the risk of the spread of illness.

Diapering Procedures

Step 1: Get Organized: gather supplies needed before bringing child to diaper area:

- Paper liner to cover changing surface.
- Fresh diaper
- Plastic bag for soiled cloths and clean cloths (if needed).
- Wipes
- Disposable gloves (put on before touching soiled clothing/diaper and remove before touching clean diapers and surfaces).

Step 2: Place child on changing table and clean child's diaper area

- Always have one hand on child.
- Unfasten diaper, lift child's legs to clean child's bottom.
- Remove stool and urine from front to back and use a fresh wipe each time.

Step 3: Remove soiled diaper and discard

- Put soiled wipes in soiled diaper; fold forward with out touching any surface and place in plastic-lined, covered, garbage can.
- Remove gloves and place in garbage can.
- Use a disposable wipe or hand sanitizer for staff hands.

Step 4: Put on clean diaper and dress child

- Slide fresh diaper under child.
- Fasten diaper and dress.

Step 5: Wash child's hands and return child to play area

- Use soap and water to wash child's hands.
- If child is too heavy to hold or cannot stand at sink,
 - o wipe hands with damp, soapy, paper towel -
 - o wipe hands with clean wet paper towel or wipe –
 - o dry hands with clean paper towel.

Step 7: Wash hands and record diaper change in child's daily log

- Wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds - turn off water with paper towel.
- Record in child's log (family/caregiver information exchange form).

When the policy applies:

This policy applies every time staff changes a child's diaper.

Communication plan for staff and parents:

- Staff and volunteers will receive a written copy of this policy in their orientation packets before beginning work at the center.
- New staff will be given training before working with children in diapers.
- All staff will be trained when necessary.
- Written instructions are posted at all diaper changing locations.

References:

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