

## **INFECTION-CONTROL POLICY**

In a preschool/school setting, children come into contact with groups of other children outside their families. It is in this situation that the illness of one child can spread rapidly through the group to other children and staff members if stringent measures to prevent this spread are not taken.

For this reason, the teachers will take constant precautions to prevent the spread of disease. Many common childhood diseases are contagious. You, the parents, can help us in our effort to keep your children healthy. If your child shows any signs of the symptoms listed below, you will be called and asked to come immediately and get the child. Please help us protect the other children by responding promptly. If the child has any of the following symptoms at home, we ask that you keep him/her out of school until the symptoms are gone or until your physician says it is all right to return. The symptoms include:

- fever - 100 orally; 101 rectally (or higher)
- severe coughing - child gets red or blue in the face
- child makes high-pitched croupy or whooping sounds after the coughs
- difficult or rapid breathing - especially in infants
- yellowish skin or eyes
- pinkeye - tears, redness of eyelid lining, followed by swelling and discharge of pus
- unusual spots or rashes
- sore throat or trouble swallowing
- infected skin patches
- crusty, bright yellow, dry or gummy areas of skin - possibly accompanied by fever
- unusually dark, tea colored urine - especially with a fever
- gray or white stool
- headache and stiff neck
- vomiting
- severe itching or body or scalp or scratching of scalp
- Nasal secretions that is thick and yellow or green in color. (Cloudy or colored nasal secretions may indicate an allergy. Please check with physician to rule out infection)

If a child has a doctor's note and nasal secretions have color, the preschool/school will not accept child until color has cleared.

If any of the above symptoms are present or if a child appears cranky or less active than usual, cries more than usual, or just seems generally unwell at home, you are asked to look for any of the above symptoms or inform the child's teacher so the child can be watched carefully for the development of symptoms.

Florida State Regulation 65C-22.004 requires that there be daily observation of each child on arrival. A child who is ill upon arrival at Revealing Truth Ministries Preschool **will not be accepted.** If a child becomes ill while at the preschool, the parent or guardian will be contacted. The parent or guardian will be responsible to pick up the child within 2 hours of receiving the call. The child will be separated from the other children until the parent/guardian arrives.

If a child has been exposed to a communicable disease such as hepatitis, chicken pox, measles or strep infection, all staff members, parents and guardians of children will be notified immediately by the Preschool.

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the Infection Control Policy of Revealing Truth Ministries Preschool.

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Parent Signature

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Date