

## **BEYOND BLINDNESS**

## **Learning Link Health Policy**

The health of the children is a great concern for us at Learning Link. Communicable diseases are easily spread between infants and young children as they are less resistant to illnesses. If your child has any of the following symptoms, he or she should not participate in Learning Link and may be asked to leave and return when symptoms subside.

- Fever of 100 degrees within the past 24 hours.
- Unusual behavior such as irritability, extreme fatigue, persistent crying, difficulty breathing, loss of appetite, or general discomfort.
- Runny nose with thick or colored secretions, coughing, sneezing, or watery eyes.
- Diarrhea, defined as an increased number of bowel movements from the child's normal pattern. Bowel movements that are very loose or watery.
- Vomiting in the past 24 hours.
- Unusual spots, rashes or bruises not associated with injury.
- Conjunctivitis, defined as redness of the eyes or eyelids, with white or yellow discharge, often with matted eyelids after sleep.
- Sore throat or difficulty swallowing.
- Headache, fever, and/or stiff neck.
- Varicella, or chicken pox, until 6 days after the onset of rash or until all lesions have dried and crusted.
- Red, cracking, or oozing areas of the skin that may be infected.
- Earache
- Head lice, until nits, or eggs, on the hair shaft are treated and removed.
- Exposure to COVID within the last 5 days.

Arrange to see a doctor if your child's symptoms persist or worsen. Your child is welcome to return when symptoms have disappeared for 24 hours, or your doctor has determined that your child is not contagious. Also, please make every effort to keep your child's immunizations up to date. Please notify a Learning Link staff member within 24 hours if your child contracts a communicable disease and may have exposed other Learning Link attendees.