Sick Child Policy

5101:2-14-30 (D) of the OAC states that a sick child is one who demonstrates one or more of the following symptoms:

1. **A temperature of at least 100 degrees Fahrenheit** * when accompanied by any other sign or symptom of illness. *Temperatures shall be taken by the armpit method with a digital thermometer. The thermometer shall be used and sanitized after each use according to the manufacture’s guidelines.

2. **Diarrhea**, defined as 3 or more abnormally loose stools within a 24 hour period.

3. **Severe coughing** which causes the child to become red or blue in the face or to make a whooping sound.

4. **Difficult or rapid breathing** which is not attributed to a known respiratory illness such as asthma.

5. **Yellowish skin or eyes.**

6. **Purulent eye discharge (pus), eye pain, or eyelid redness.**

7. **Untreated infected skin patches, spots, or rashes.**

8. **Unusually dark urine and/or gray or white stool.**

9. **A stiff neck with an elevated temperature.**

10. **Evidence of untreated lice, scabies, or other parasitic infection.**

11. **Sore throat or difficulty swallowing.**

12. **Vomiting more than once** or when accompanied by any other sign or symptom of illness.

Following a child’s illness or communicable disease, providers must receive a medical statement from the child’s physician prior to the child returning to care.

(Reference Additional County Rule #5.)