



SICK POLICY

Children who are under the weather or not up to participating in school activities should remain at home. Please call the school if you know your child will not be attending. Do not send your child to school if they have:

- Fever within the last 24 hours
- Vomiting within the last 24 hours
- Diarrhea within the last 24 hours
- Signs of an upper respiratory infection: heavy nasal discharge, excessive sneezing, watery eyes, persistent runny nose
- Excessive fatigue
- Persistent cough
- Rash
- Pink or red eyes with drainage

Should a child become ill during the day, the parents will be notified immediately. If a parent cannot be reached, the alternative emergency contact listed on the Emergency Card will be called. It is very important that the phone numbers listed for these back-up emergency contacts be kept up to date. Sick children must be picked up within **1 hour** of the initial call. Students must remain out of school for at least one full school day after being sent home. Should siblings within a household be ill, it is asked that parents consider keeping students' home to avoid spreading illnesses at Chanen. **A doctor's note does NOT override Chanen Preschool's Sickness policy.** Chanen has the right to require a doctor's note for a child to return to school.

Please notify the Preschool as soon as possible if your child has a communicable disease or condition, such as lice, strep throat, pink eye, or Fifth's Disease. If there is an incidence of a contagious disease in your child's class, notice of such exposure will be posted on classroom doors. The ill child will not be allowed to return to school until they are once again well and able to participate in activities without medication. Please be considerate of the other children and teachers in Chanen when making the decision to keep your child or their sibling home due to illness especially in the case of highly contagious infections.

If lice are reported, head checks will be performed on all the children. Chanen Preschool staff will respond appropriately in the classroom to stop the possible spread of lice. If lice and/or nits are found on your child's head, you will be asked to pick-up your child from school and administer the appropriate treatment. Some children require a second treatment and thus should be evaluated by their pediatrician within a few days of initial treatment. Please be sure to follow recommendations by the CDC and local health department on sanitizing your home following an outbreak.

Children must go home if they have the following:

- Fever over 100.4, measured twice, at least 5 minutes apart.
- 2 episodes of diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Rash not otherwise explained by known chronic condition (ie eczema)
- Pink or red eyes with drainage
- Lethargy impeding them from participating
- Breathing trouble, sore throat, or persistent coughing

Students must remain out of school for a full day of instruction after being sent home. Students can return to school when all of the following criteria are met:

- Fever free for at least 24 hours, without fever reducing medication
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea has completely resolved
- Nasal drainage no longer requires suction (infants) or frequent assistance from staff members
- Pink eye treatment has been initiated

Medication such as antibiotics, ointments, and inhalers with provider prescription are okay.

Chanen reserves the right to send a child home whom they feel is not well enough to participate in school activities. Staff will message parents if they feel the child is acting out of character or showing minor signs of illness.



**Chanen Preschool
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF Sick Policy**

I have read and agree to accept and abide by the rules, regulations and procedures of Congregation Beth Israel's Chanen Preschool as outlined in the Chanen Preschool Sick Policy. I agree to support the school's protocols and procedures.

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PRINT CHILD'S NAME

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PARENT OR GUARDIAN