

At SteppingStone Theatre, we want all of our students to experience a healthy and safe atmosphere which is conducive to moving, playing, and learning! Students will participate in many group activities which may require physical contact and interacting closely with their peers. In addition to intermittent hand washing, encouraging proper covering techniques for coughs and sneezes, and a No Food Sharing Policy, we enforce an Illness Policy. Although we cannot completely prevent the spread of illness, we are committed to using Best Practices to ensure the wellbeing of all participants at our Theatre. Please reference our Illness Policy below.

## **OCCURRENCES WHICH WILL EXCLUDE A STUDENT FROM PARTICIPATING IN CLASS**

- An axillary fever of over 100 degrees (without fever-reducing medications)
- Any degree of fever combined with other symptoms including: vomiting, sore throat, rash, diarrhea, lethargy, or difficulty breathing.
- Vomiting twice in a 24-hour period
- Diarrhea which is frequent or causes “accidents”
- Abdominal pain that persists for more than two hours
- Communicable rashes or sores (Impetigo, Hand Foot and Mouth, Rubella, Scabies...)
- Mouth sores with drooling
- Pink Eye with discharge (Purulent Conjunctivitis)
- Strep Throat
- Head Lice
- Chicken Pox
- Pertussis (Whooping Cough)
- Measles and Mumps
- Tuberculosis
- Hepatitis A Virus
- Any illness which a physician determines the best course of action is exclusion from activities

## **OCCURRENCES WHICH MAY EXCLUDE A STUDENT FROM PARTICIPATING IN CLASS**

- A common cold accompanied by lethargy, irritability, or inability to fully participate in programming
- Unusual or sudden changes in mood or behavior which make it difficult for students to fully participate in classroom lessons including indoor and outdoor activities
- Non-communicable diseases accompanied by lethargy, irritability, or inability to fully participate

## **STUDENT RE-ADMITTANCE TO PROGRAMMING**

Students may be readmitted to programming when they have remained fever-free for 24 hours without the help of medication. When they remain vomit-free for 24 hours without medication. When loose stools have become manageable. When prescribed medications have been taken for the appropriate amount of time to no longer be contagious. When a doctor’s note deems it appropriate for the student to return to class.