

# Comet Kids Health Information and Policies

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**Health and Immunization:** A medical record will be maintained for each enrolled child. A current health care summary, including any known allergies or health concerns, and an immunization record must be on file for each child. These forms must be completed and turned into the Inclusion Specialist before the child can attend Comet Kids. These forms may be found on our Comet Kids page.

**Immunizations:** Comet Kids follows the KCS District policy and procedure for screenings and immunizations. We require that by a child's date of attendance, the program must maintain or have access to a record detailing the child's current immunizations or applicable exemption per the Minnesota Immunization Law "No Shots, No School". When a child is overdue for any routine health services, parents/guardians must provide evidence of an appointment for those services before the child's entry into the program and as a condition of remaining enrolled in the program, except for any immunizations for parents that are using a religious exemption.

**Exclusion of an ill Child:** If a child should become ill at Comet Kids parents/guardians will be notified and asked to plan to have their child picked up within 1 hour. Please have a backup plan if you cannot arrive within 1 hour. Comet Kids adheres to the school district's illness policies.

**Medication Administration:** Written permission must be obtained for the Comet Kids staff to administer prescription or over-the-counter medications. Comet Kids must have a Medication Administration Form completed to administer the prescription or over-the-counter medication. The medication must be in the original prescription bottle with the child's first and last name and a current date.

Non-prescription products are administered according to the manufacturer's instructions unless provided with written instructions provided by a health clinic to use a product differently.

**Infectious Disease reporting and posting requirements:** Comet Kids will notify families if there has been an exposure to an infection and/or contagious reportable disease specified in DHS MN Rule 3. If the illness is a vaccine preventable disease, any child who is under-immunized must be excluded from the group immediately and the family will be notified.

If your child is diagnosed with any of the stated illnesses, please call the Inclusion Specialist.

- Strep Throat
- Influenza
- COVID 19
- Pertussis
- Fifth's Disease
- Chicken Pox
- Scabies
- Impetigo
- Ringworm

## **Exclusion of Child for illness**

Comet Kids adheres to the school district's illness policies. Children should stay home if they have experienced any of the following symptoms within the previous 24 hours.

- Temperature is over 100
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Coughing that disrupts normal activity
- Thick nasal discharge
- Undiagnosed rash
- Any communicable or chronic disease

For a child to be readmitted to Comet Kids, it must be 24 hours after the start of medication with a note from a physician if diagnosed with a contagious illness. If your child does not see a physician for the illness they still may not return to Comet Kids until they have been symptom free for at minimum 24 hours without any medication.

If a child is too sick to participate in all the daily activities, including going outside, arrangements should be made for alternative care until they can participate fully in the program.

**Pink Eye:** If your child is unable to refrain from touching their eyes with visible drainage present, we will ask that your child be kept home.

**Lesions, open wounds, potentially infectious sores or skin conditions with discharge:** The area of the body that is affected will need to remain covered while the child is in attendance at Comet Kids. The policy is strongly enforced to protect others from the potential exposure of bodily fluids. Parents will be required to supply bandages or dressings that are needed.

**Head Lice:** If live lice or a large number of nits are found on your child they will be sent home immediately. The child can return to care after 24 hours if they have been treated and all live lice and nits are cleared. The child will be checked daily for any returning lice and will be sent home immediately if any are present.

***Please report all absences to the Comet Kids Supervisor.***

## **Allergies**

Per MN DHS Rule 3 if your student has an allergy an allergy action plan must be obtained from a physician prior to care services. The allergy action plan must be fully completed containing a description of the allergy, specific triggers, avoidance techniques, and procedures to respond to the allergy. The Allergy Action Plan may be found on the District Website under Health Services.

Please speak with the Comet Kids Supervisor if your child has an allergy so we can make sure we have everything that is needed.