

Wellness Policy

First Baptist Church of Ocala follows the Health Department's guidelines for the childcare program setting. A child is to be excluded from a ministry program setting (or childcare program) if the following symptoms are observed:

- ❖ **Fever** – AND sore throat, rash, vomiting, diarrhea, earache, irritability or confusion. Fever is defined as having a temperature of 100° F or higher taken under the arm 101° F taken orally, or 102° F taken rectally.
- ❖ **Green or yellow runny nose.**
- ❖ **Diarrhea** – runny, watery, or bloody stools.
- ❖ **Vomiting** – 2 or more times in a 24-hour period.
- ❖ **Body rash with fever.**
- ❖ **Sore throat with fever and swollen glands.**
- ❖ **Severe Coughing** – child gets red or blue in the face or makes high-pitched whooping sound after coughing.
- ❖ **Eye discharge** – thick mucus or pus draining from the eye, or pink eye.
- ❖ **Yellowish skin or eyes**
- ❖ **Any communicable disease.**
- ❖ **If a child is being treated with an antibiotic, he or she should have received treatment for at least 24 hours before being admitted to our church programming.**
- ❖ **Child is irritable, continuously crying, or requires more attention than the teacher can provide without hurting the health and safety of other children in his/her care.**

In order to ensure the health and welfare of all the children in our ministry programs and decrease the amount of illness, your child must not participate for a 24-hour period after a fever breaks.

Our ministry programs are not limited to the above guidelines and will provide for the wellness of all the children in our programs.