

## **Sick children, cont.**

Villa is staffed to work with groups of children while giving attention to all. However, ill children require individual care that is impractical—if not impossible—in this setting. If your child shows symptoms of illness prior to coming to school, please keep them at home and contact your physician, if necessary. Ill children want and need comfort and rest to recover and typically are not able to participate in the activities of the school. If your child displays any of the signs listed below, he/she will be isolated and made as comfortable as possible until you or another individual listed on your Emergency Information Form arrives. We request that the child be picked up **within one hour of notification**.

For the benefit of our students, teachers and families, we cannot permit a child to be at school if they are showing any of these signs:

1. Fever of more than 100 degrees taken for a duration of eight minutes
2. Diarrhea (more than one loose or **water filled stool within a 24-hour period**)
3. Vomiting
4. Severe coughing that causes the child to become red or blue in the face or to make a whooping sound
5. Difficult or rapid breathing (**including uncontrolled wheezing**)
6. Yellowish skin or eyes
7. Conjunctivitis (“pink eye”)
8. Untreated infected skin patches
9. Any open or oozing sores, bloody gums and/or bloody diarrhea
10. Unusually dark urine and/or gray or white stool
11. Stiff neck
12. Unusual spots or rashes
13. Sore throat or difficulty swallowing
14. Evidence of lice, scabies or other parasitic infestation
15. Lethargy, extreme fatigue
16. Discolored mucous (yellow or green) from the nose **if in conjunction with other symptoms (i.e. fevers, fatigue, cough, etc.)**
17. An inability to participate in school activities

Parents must keep the child at home until the child is well. **They must not have had an incident of diarrhea or fever (without the aid of fever-reducing medication) for a full 24-hour period before returning to school. Please notify the school immediately if your child is diagnosed with a contagious illness or disease. We may request a doctor's note saying the child is ready return to school following a contagious illness or disease.**