## Wellness Policy

## What we tell our Staff, Leaders, and Volunteers:

Children who show any signs of illness should not be allowed to participate in any Children's Ministry environment. When addressing the issue with the parents, assure them that we want their child in the Children's Ministry as soon as they are feeling better. If you continually have a problem with a sick child, contact a staff person or a team leader who will address it with the family. If an illness is discovered after a child has been dropped off to a classroom, please keep the child at a safe distance from other children.

## What we ask of families/guardians:

For the safety of the children in our ministry areas and our volunteers, children who have experienced any of these symptoms within the past 24 hours will be asked to stay with their parents during service:

- Fever of 100 or greater: must be fever-free without the use of medications for 24 hours
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Pink eye
- Chronic cough
- Bleeding/Wet diaper rash
- Parasites (nits, lice, mites, ringworm, fleas, etc...)
- Any illness for which a doctor has prescribed antibiotics: must be on the antibiotics for 24 hours before returning
- Very runny nose or bad cough, especially if it has kept the child awake at night
- Rash of unknown origin, or that causes the child too much discomfort