Criteria for excluding a child from daycare or school

Does the child have a **fever*** in the morning at home?

Yes → **Exclude the child. They must stay home.**

No ↓

Does the child develop a **fever*** at school?
OR
Does the child **under 3 months** old develop a **fever*** at daycare?
OR
If a child age **3 months or older** develops a **fever*** at daycare, **give them, if indicated, acetaminophen as per the protocol.**
Is the **fever*** still present **1 hour later**?

Yes → **Exclude the child. They must stay home.**

No ↓

Does the child have any symptoms that could suggest a **severe illness** OR does their **condition** prevent them from participating in the group's activities or does it prevent the person in charge from caring for the other children properly?

Yes → **Exclude the child. They must stay home.**

No ↓

Has the child had **2 or more episodes of vomiting** in the last 24 hours?

Yes → **Exclude the child. They must stay home.**

No ↓

Has the child had episodes of **diarrhea** that cannot be contained in the diaper OR that contain blood or mucus OR is the child incontinent (unable to get to the bathroom in time)?

Yes → **Exclude the child. They must stay home.**

No ↓

Does the child have **skin lesions with purulent discharge** (pus) that cannot be covered by a waterproof bandage (apart from discharge from an eye associated with conjunctivitis)?

Yes → **Exclude the child. They must stay home.**

No ↓

Has the child **obtained a medical diagnosis** with an indication to be temporarily excluded from the daycare or school?

Yes → **Exclude the child. They must stay home.**

No ↓

There is no need to exclude the child.
Monitor their health and increase basic practices such as hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene and etiquette as well as cleaning and disinfection of objects, surfaces and the premises.

At no time should this tool replace a consultation with a health professional and the instructions associated with the diagnosis made.

Exclude the child.
They must stay home.

The child may return when all of the following conditions are met:

- **No fever*.**
- **The child's overall condition** allows them to participate in the group's activities and requires little or no additional care.
- **No vomiting** in the last 24 hours.
- **If episode of diarrhea:** The stool can be contained in the diaper or the child is continent. No blood or mucus in the diarrheal stool.
- **If there are skin lesions with purulent discharge:** No discharge, crusted lesions or possibility of covering them with a waterproof bandage.
- **If excluded following a medical diagnosis or consultation:** Doctor's agreement for the child's return.

*** Definition of fever:**

Child under 3 months old:

- 38.0°C or higher (rectal)

Child age 3 months or older:

- 38.5°C or higher (rectal or ear)
- 38.0°C or higher (oral)
- 37.5°C or higher (armpit)

A **rectal temperature is more reliable** in children age 5 and under.

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