



## ***Children's Ministry Illness Policy***

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**We all want our kiddos to share...but when it comes to illness, we want to keep any sharing to a minimum! So we ask that parents help us out by not bringing a sick child to church youth programs.** Doing so creates the risk of sharing the illness with other children, and it's also rough for the sick child who'd be better off resting in the comfort of his or her own home.

**Wondering whether or not your child is too sick to participate?** The answer is probably 'yes' if the child displays one or more of the following symptoms:

- **fever above 100 degrees Fahrenheit** during the past 24 hours
- **signs of possible severe illness** such as uncontrolled coughing, difficulty breathing, wheezing, persistent crying or lethargy
- **diarrhea**, such as loose or runny stools including a stool that runs out of a diaper
- **vomiting** (once a child has vomited, most health providers recommend or require that the child not return to school or daycare for a minimum of 24 hours)
- **any rash**, especially one accompanied by a fever or behavior change
- **any communicable disease** (in this case, please notify the church so that parents of exposed children can be alerted)

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***Thanks for your help in keeping  
the kids of Heartland healthy!***