

AAP Return to Care Recommendations

Condition	AAP Return to Care Recommendations	Health Visit
Cold symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Exclusion criteria (fever, behavior change) resolved ● Child can participate, AND staff can safely care for child 	Not required
Conjunctivitis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Exclusion criteria (fever, behavior change) resolved ● Child can participate, AND staff can safely care for child ● Antibiotics NOT required 	Not required
Gastroenteritis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stool (nonbloody) contained by diaper (OK if loose) OR no dehydration more toileting accidents, AND fewer than 2 stools above normal frequency, AND/OR ● Vomiting resolved (if ≥ 2 episodes in 24 h) ● Child can participate, AND staff can safely care for child 	Only if blood or mucus in stool or dehydration
Fever	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Exclusion criteria (behavior change or other signs of illness) resolved, AND ● Child can participate, AND staff can safely care for child 	Not required unless < 4m age
Ringworm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Exclusion criteria (behavior change or other signs of illness) resolved, AND ● Child can participate, AND staff can safely care for child ● Once treatment is started 	Only to initiate treatment

Adapted from:

[Caring for Our Children National Health and Safety Performance Standards for Out-Of-Home Child Care and Early Education Programs, 3rd ed. Elk Grove Village, IL: American Academy of Pediatrics; 2011](#)
[Hashikawa et al. 2012. Self report of child care directors regarding return to daycare. Pediatrics 130:6, 1046-1052](#)