

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, AUGUSTA

GUIDELINES FOR NURSERY USE

(Please keep for future reference)

In order to keep all children as healthy as possible, we ask you to abide by the following guidelines. They have been made after discussions with several pediatricians who are members of First Presbyterian Church. We hope to strike a balance between your ability to worship together as a family, and keeping all the children as healthy as possible. Please do not place your child in the nursery under any of the following conditions:

COMMON SYMPTOMS

If your child has one of the following, we ask you to keep them temporarily out of the nursery:

- **Fever** (within 24 hours), lethargy, difficulty breathing, other signs of possible severe illness.
- **Diarrhea**
- **Persistent crying**, out of the child's ordinary pattern (not including stranger anxiety).
- **Vomiting** (within past 24 hours), unless determined by physician to be of non-communicable cause.
- **Mouth sores**
- **Rash**, with fever or behavior change.
- **Pinkeye** (pink or red eyes, with clear or yellow discharge, whether or not on antibiotic drops).
- **Any symptoms that prevent your child from participating in program activities**, or which require more attention than the nursery staff can provide without compromising the care of other children.

Runny noses: Children with runny noses, whether the discharge is clear or colored, are typically "infectious", unless the discharge is caused by allergies. As most runny noses in small children are caused by viruses, the addition of an antibiotic does not make them non-infectious. The same virus that causes a common cold in one child can produce wheezing, pneumonia, and/or vomiting in another child. Small children tend to share the toys they put into their mouths, passing these viruses around quickly.

If your child has underlying medical problems that would be compromised if they got a "cold" virus, contact your physician about the wisdom of placing your child in the nursery during the fall and winter months.

SPECIFIC ILLNESSES

- **IMPETIGO:** until 24 hours after treatment started.
- **CROUP:** until symptoms resolved.
- **RSV, or BRONCHIOLITIS:** until symptoms resolved.
- **RINGWORM:** if not covered by clothing.
- **CHICKEN POX:** until the sixth day after the onset of the rash.
- **SCABIES:** until the treatment has been completed (the spots will remain briefly after the treatment has been completed).
- **HEAD LICE**
- **STREP THROAT:** until 24 hours of antibiotic completed and child is without a fever for 24 hours.
- **HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH**

LESS COMMON ILLNESSES

- **WHOOPING COUGH:** until 5 days of appropriate antibiotic therapy completed.
- **MUMPS:** until 9 days after the onset of parotid gland swelling.
- **HEPATITIS A:** until 1 week after onset of illness or yellow jaundice.
- **TUBERCULOSIS:** until the child's physician or local health department has stated that the child is non-infectious