It is the policy of the County Board to protect enrollees and staff in all programs from contagious conditions within the program environment. Therefore the following guidelines have been established by the Program Nurse.

I. GUIDELINES FOR ILLNESS

A. Parents/guardians/service providers are requested to keep enrollees home if they exhibit symptoms of a communicable disease such as:

1. Temperature of 101* (100* axillary) or above in the last twenty-four (24) hours.

2. Vomiting in the last twenty-four (24) hours.

3. Diarrhea in the last twenty-four (24) hours.

4. Severe cough and/or cold.

5. Fever with runny nose if exposed to chickenpox in the last two (2) to three (3) weeks.

6. Lice; until all persons living in the home have been treated adequately and eggs (nits) have been removed from the enrollee’s hair to the satisfaction of a program nurse, using guidelines from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

7. Scabies or other parasitic infestations; until the home, enrollee, and all individuals living in the home have been treated.

8. Until twenty-four (24) hours after the first dose of antibiotics prescribed by a physician and temperature below 101* for twenty-four (24) hours, for any suspected contagious disease.

9. Chickenpox; for six (6) days after outbreak or until all lesions are crusted.

10. Difficult or rapid breathing.

11. Yellowish skin or eyes, unusually dark urine and/or gray or white stool.


13. Impetigo or other untreated, contagious skin conditions.

14. Conjunctivitis (pink eye) – redness and/or drainage from eye or eyes.
B. Based on an assessment by nursing staff, program personnel will be directed to call parents / guardians to come for an enrollee who exhibits sufficient signs and symptoms of illness or suspected communicable disease to warrant exclusion from the program.

C. Parents and guardians are expected to have someone available at all times to come for the enrollee if the need arises.

D. Enrollees should stay home if they have experienced an unusual seizure or prolonged seizure activity within the last four (4) hours. Parents/guardians will be contacted if an enrollee does not recuperate after a seizure during program hours.

E. Enrollees should remain home for at least one (1) day following surgery or anesthesia.

F. In the event a contagious disease is diagnosed or suspected in the home, parents are asked to contact their bus driver, program authorities, or the program nurse. This assistance can help in preventing the spread of disease throughout the program.

G. Parents/guardians are asked to report to the bus driver in plenty of time if an enrollee is ill and cannot attend. They are then to call the bus driver when the enrollee is ready to return. Drivers are not responsible to stop for an enrollee until they have been notified that the enrollee is returning.

II. MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

A. Management of Communicable Disease

The following precautions will be taken for enrollees suspected of having a communicable disease:

1. Individuals with suspected infectious diseases shall be excluded from attendance at program sites as deemed necessary by the program nurse and/or any other licensed nurse employed or contracted by the County Board.

2. The program shall notify the parent / guardian of the enrollee’s condition.

3. The enrollee shall be isolated and discharged to his parent/guardian as determined by the nursing staff.

4. The enrollee, while isolated at the program, shall be carefully watched for further symptoms of illness as well as unusual spots or rashes, sore throat, difficulty swallowing, elevated temperature, or vomiting.

5. Programs shall follow the Ohio Department of Health Communicable Disease Chart for appropriate management of suspected illnesses.

6. Attendance may be resumed when the communicable disease has been treated and/or resolved to the satisfaction of the program nurse.
7. No individual identified as having a chronic infectious disease shall be excluded from appropriate services for which he/she is otherwise eligible. Each individual case shall be evaluated and decisions on services will be based upon medical data and according to current medical guidelines in reference to a specific infectious disease.

8. A program nurse will be responsible to send notices to parents / guardians of enrollees who are exposed to a diagnosed communicable disease such as conjunctivitis, ringworm, chicken pox, or lice.

III. CARE OF THE MILDLY ILL ENROLLEE

An enrollee who is experiencing minor symptoms of illness or minor common cold symptoms and does not feel well enough to participate in regular activities shall be made comfortable in either the nurse’s clinic or in the program environment as determined by the nursing staff. A mildly ill enrollee shall be observed carefully for worsening condition.