

Policy

Stay home when sick. 24 hour fever-free policy.

1. Children

- a. Parents will be contacted and children **will be sent home with a fever of 101 degrees.**
- b. **Mandated 24 hour fever-free policy** for any child. Children will be required to **stay home for 24 hours after their fever goes away without the use of fever-reducing medication.** That means that children sent home with a fever are **unable to return the next day** and should not return until the child has been fever-free for 24 hours **OR** until the child's doctor has provided written clearance to return to school. This also means that if your child is sick or has a fever during the night, your child should remain home and not return until fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication. For everyone's benefit, please do not send children to school who have been provided medication to limit fever.
- c. **Parents are encouraged to develop a contingency plan for care of your ill child** so your child may remain at home.

2. U-GRO Staff

- a. U-GRO Staff **will be sent home with a fever of 101 degrees.**
- b. **Mandated 24 hour fever-free policy** for any staff sent home with a fever. Staff can return to work if there is a written clearance from their doctor to return to work.
- c. U-GRO has instituted contingency staffing plans to cover key positions when staff are absent from work to stay home when they are home ill or to care for an ill family member.

3. Parents

- a. Upon entering school, please **sanitize hands** with supplied sanitizer.
- b. Upon entering your child's classroom, please **assist your child in washing hands** with soap & water.

School procedures

1. **Conduct daily health checks.** Staff will talk with you (parents) and check each child on arrival. During the day, staff will look for children - or other staff members - who seem ill. Those who seem ill will be further screened by taking their temperature and asking about symptoms. **Each classroom will keep a log of children who may be out due to flu-like symptoms.**
2. **Separate ill children and staff.** Staff will promptly separate children and staff members who have symptoms from others. A space will be provided where sick children can be supervised at all times until parents can arrive to take their child home.
3. **Hand washing and cough/sneeze etiquette.** U-GRO will provide **hand sanitizers** in classrooms and in public areas throughout your school. We ask parents to use the sanitizers prior to entering U-GRO.
Staff will keep an eye on children still learning cough/sneeze etiquette. Staff will encourage proper techniques, and remind them not to share toys, etc.
4. **Routine environmental cleaning.** All areas will be cleaned regularly. Any items children touch or put in their mouths will be cleaned.