

Rules concerning diseases in the EMBL Kinderhaus

This is an important subject to us, considering the benefit of the sick child as well as the protection of other, healthy children and the staff.

We encourage parents to have their children vaccinated as recommended by the Robert Koch Institute:

http://www.rki.de/DE/Content/Infekt/Impfen/Materialien/Downloads-Impfkalender/Impfkalender_Englisch.pdf?__blob=publicationFile

for their own benefit and benefit to others.

Contagious diseases: We are obliged to register and publish them according to the regulations of the Public Health Department. The sick or the suspected sick person is not allowed to visit the institution until after presenting a medical confirmation that certifies no more danger of infection. This also applies to parents, brothers and sisters, staff and other contact persons. This measure counts for the following diseases: whooping-cough, measles, mumps, meningitis, German measles, scarlet fever, chicken pox, diphtheria, tuberculosis, scabies, louse and fleas. Persons with salmonellae or dysentery may only come to the Kinderhaus with the special approval of the Public Health Department.

Handling of individual illnesses in the EMBL Kinderhaus

Gastro-intestinal diseases/diarrhoea/vomiting:

- If there have been confirmed cases of Norovirus/Rotavirus or another strong virus in the Kinderhaus, a child must be picked up after the first instance of diarrhoea or vomiting.
- Children who have the Norovirus or Rotavirus or a similarly strong virus, are required to remain at home for a further 48 hours after the symptoms have subsided.
- In case of **Noro/Rota or another strong virus a doctor's note is required**. No medical clearance certificate is required if there are single incidents of diarrhoea or vomiting in the Kinderhaus, however we reserve the right to ask for a medical clearance before your child comes back to the Kinderhaus.
- Children with a milder case of diarrhoea or vomiting are required to remain at home for one day after the symptoms have subsided.

Fever:

- If the body temperature goes up to 38 degrees and is not related to a recent vaccination, parents are to be informed of the rising temperature of their child. From 38.5 degrees the child must be picked up from the Kinderhaus.
- Once the symptoms have subsided the child is required to remain at home for one more day.

Lice:

- In the case of head lice infestation the child must be picked up and may only return to the Kinderhaus when the prescribed medication against head lice has been applied. Children who don't have head lice nevertheless have to be checked. Parents should confirm this by signing a form (from the Health Authority) and returning it to the Kinderhaus one day after receiving it, otherwise they may not enter the Kinderhaus .

Hand foot and mouth disease:

- The infected child must stay at home for at least 5 days. The blisters must be dried before the child returns to the Kinderhaus. A medical clearance certificate is required.

Conjunctivitis:

- After the sick child has been picked up it needs to remain at home for one more day before it can return, provided the child has been treated with antibiotics. In case of a viral (e.g. adenovirus) infection or if no antibiotics are used, a medical clearance certificate is required.

Whooping cough/Pertussis:

- The infected child must stay at home for at least 7 days if being treated with antibiotics, and 3 weeks if not being treated with antibiotics. A medical clearance certificate is required.

Chickenpox:

- The infected child must stay at home for at least 7 days. The blisters must be incrustated before the child can return to the Kinderhaus. A medical clearance certificate is required.

Measles:

- In cases of the measles the child must stay at home for at least 7 days. A medical clearance certificate is required.

Mumps:

- In cases of the mumps the child must stay at home for at least 7 days. A medical clearance certificate is required.

Rubella:

- In cases of the rubella the child must stay at home for at least 7 days. A medical clearance certificate is required.

Scarlet fever:

- If antibiotics are used and the child is without signs of the disease, it can come back on the second day (after antibiotics have been administered), if no antibiotics are used a medical clearance is needed.

Herpes / cold sore:

- Please keep the child at home until the blisters are incrustated.

Aphthous oral infection/herpes simplex virus type 1

- Please keep your child home for at least 7 days until no signs of infection are present

Generally the following applies:

- Generally the rule is that the pedagogical staff of the EMBL Kinderhaus are not allowed to give medicine, however, exceptions are made (Dentinox, nose drops) in particular situations, excluding antibiotics. It is recommended that the parents plan the administration of medicine so that it is given before and after the child visits the Kinderhaus or the parent can come to the Kinderhaus and administer the medicine themselves. All administration of medicine must be documented and signed by the parents.
- Exceptions may be made for chronic diseases and prolonged illnesses that are not contagious.

Parents should ensure that their child only returns to the Kinderhaus after sufficient recovery. If we don't have the impression that your child is well enough we reserve the right to send the child home after informing you.