

STARS Disability Ministry Illness Policy

Share the love of Jesus, NOT your illness. Please help us do this by not having your son or daughter attend a STARS activity if they are ill. Many of our STARS have weakened immune systems, so please protect them and your child.

Wondering whether or not your STAR is too sick to participate? The answer is probably 'yes' if your STAR displays one or more of the following symptoms:

- ♥ **fever above 100 degrees Fahrenheit** during the past 24 hours
- ♥ **signs of possible severe illness** such as uncontrolled coughing and difficulty breathing
- ♥ **diarrhea**, such as loose and frequent stools
- ♥ **vomiting that is not reflux related** (once a child has vomited, most health providers recommend or require that the child not return to school or daycare for a minimum of 24 hours).
- ♥ **any rash**, especially one accompanied by a fever or behavior change
- ♥ **any communicable disease** (in this case, please notify the church so that parents of exposed children can be alerted)

A STAR being treated for an infection with antibiotics must be on the prescribed medication for at least 48 hours before admittance to a classroom or program.

STARS who are ill will not be admitted into any class or program. If a participant develops or displays symptoms after admittance, the staff/nurse will determine whether the parents/caregiver will be called to pick up the participant.

Thanks for your help in keeping STARS healthy!