



Client Sick Policy

Each day when a client arrives at the Arizona Institute for Autism (AIA), (designated staff) will greet the child and adult as the child is signed in. Any child and or individual entering the facility will have their temperature taken. Before the adult leaves the premises, staff will determine if the child has signs or symptoms of a communicable disease. If a child is experiencing a symptom, significant observations will be noted in the child's profile by the provider member making the observations.

If a child's temperature needs to be taken, or if a discussion of the child's condition is needed, this will take place in a private meeting in respect to the privacy of the child and adult.

Signs and Symptoms for Exclusion

Individuals arriving with the following signs and symptoms, or who develop them while at the facility, cannot remain on-site at the Arizona Institute for Autism (AIA).

- Fever of 100° axillary (under the arm) if other signs and symptoms of illness are present (e.g. diarrhea, rash, earache, sore throat)
- Fever of 101° axillary (under the arm) or greater, even if no other signs and symptoms are present
- Sores that are open, infected, or not easily covered
- Vomiting more than twice in 24 hours*
- Diarrhea*
- Earache*
- Red eyes with discharge Lice or nits Red, draining eyes Lice or scabies
- Undiagnosed rash
- Not feeling well enough to participate in the day's activities Unusual mood or behavior that will make it difficult for staff to care for other children in the program



Client Session Sick Policy

When A Child Becomes Sick During the Day

If a child develops signs and symptoms of illness during a session, the child will be separated from the other children and be continually cared for in a private room. The parent will be contacted by the Clinical Supervisor or designated staff using the phone numbers listed on the client's profile.

Parents are expected to pick up sick children within the hour to prevent the spread of infection to other children and staff, and to allow the child time to rest, recover, and be treated for the illness.

At the Arizona Institute for Autism (AIA), we follow exclusion and return-to-care guidelines listed on the Arizona Department of Health Service's Communicable Disease Flipchart or as advised by the local health department. However, if a provider(s) have concerns about a child's ability to remain in care or return to care, a note from the child's health care provider may be required. Illness and infestation is documented in the company's electronic medical record system.