

Summer 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Summer is a great time of year in Connecticut. We are happy that your child will be joining us at The Children's Museum for our Summer Science Program. For the past several months, we are sure that you have heard about the novel H1N1 influenza strain. We just wanted to remind you about some important information related to this issue. We know that the most important thing is to keep sick people away from healthy people. So if your child is sick, you must keep your child home. Staying home when sick stops the spread of the flu and other illnesses and helps the sick person get well.

Answer these questions before sending your child to camp.

1. Does your child have a fever (100° F or 37.7° C)? If you don't have a thermometer, feel your child's skin with your hand. If it is much warmer than usual your child probably has a fever.
2. Does your child have a sore throat, cough, body aches, vomiting, or diarrhea?

**If you answer "yes" to both questions above,** your child might have the flu. Keep them home from camp for 7 calendar days, or until symptoms are gone for 24 hours, whichever is longer.

**If you checked "yes" to only one of the questions above,** keep your child home from camp until symptoms are gone for 24 hours.

If your child comes to camp with the symptoms described in #1 above, or if they develop these symptoms when they get to camp, they will be sent home.

Also, as a reminder, now would be a good time to consider what arrangements you would need to make to assure that your child is safe at home, when they are sick. They should not be sent to another child care setting where they would be interacting with other people who are well.

Thank you for helping us to keep the camp environment as healthy as possible for all campers and staff. If we follow the guidance provided we will all have a good experience.

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