

# When to Send a Child or Staff Member Home

During a flu pandemic, it will be especially important to check all children and staff for any signs of illness.

## Send a child or staff member home if he or she:

- has a fever or if one of the following symptoms is severe:
  - cough
  - sore throat
  - headache
  - muscle ache

Notify the parent/guardian if a child develops a fever and one of the symptoms above. Enter the child's name in the **Daily Sick Log**.

Send the child home, if possible, and advise the parent/guardian to contact the child's doctor. Remind parents/guardians that they should keep a sick child at home and away from the child care setting until the child has been without symptoms, such as fever, for 24 hours.

