



## Pediatric Therapies-Park ridge Communicable Diseases and Illnesses

We understand how important your therapy appointment is to your child but a child who is ill cannot and will not benefit from a therapy session. Additionally, there is a risk of spreading that infection to others in the waiting room. Advocate Children's Hospital Outpatient department sees many patients who are medically fragile or at high risk of acquiring infection - perhaps your child is one of them. In order to reduce the spread of infection among all of our patients, we make the following requests of you...

1. Keep your child's immunizations up to date.
2. **Cancel your appointment** with the Pediatric Therapy department if your child has had these symptoms in the previous 24-48 hours:
  - Flu - respiratory symptoms with a fever
  - Fever greater than 100.5 axillary or 101 rectally
  - Runny nose with yellow or green discharge
  - Rash and fever
  - Diarrhea
  - Vomiting
  - Pink eye (eye infection also known as conjunctivitis)
  - Other illness/symptoms that might be infectious in nature
3. Notify the Pediatric Therapy department immediately if your child and/or an adult has been exposed to, or shows symptoms of:
  - Chicken pox \* (see other side)
  - Measles
  - Mumps
  - Pertussis
  - Tuberculosis

These recommendations are for your child as well as any other child you may bring to the Center.

4. Finally, do not change diapers directly on therapy mats, tables, couches or carpeting. There is a diaper changing table in the restrooms by the third floor elevator. Speak with your therapist if you have special needs.
5. If your child is diagnosed with Strep throat, they must be on antibiotics for 24 hours before they can come into the therapy department.

If you need further clarification on these recommendations, do not hesitate to speak with your therapist or the manager of the PT department.

Thank you for your cooperation

Infection Control Department

Advocate Children's Hospital, Park Ridge