



Please read this section carefully. ICCC takes the health of all our children very seriously and **we strictly enforce these policies and procedures.**

School Year 2021-22 starts with special COVID-19 policy and procedures. Families are asked to read and follow the measures strictly.

At the beginning of each school year **all children** should present the following medical records:

- 'Zdravno profilactichna karta' from your GP or paediatrician with all vaccination records
- Note from GP or paediatrician for lack of contact with infected persons

For new children only:

- 'Zdravno profilactichna karta' from your GP or paediatrician with all vaccination records
- Note from GP or paediatrician for lack of contact with infected persons
- Lab tests for starting school*** (see details at the bottom of this document)

ICCC has a full time qualified medical nurse on site. If a child appears to be unwell or sick when dropped off, the nurse or a member of staff can request that the child is seen by a doctor before attending school for the day.

A child with fever above 37.3C or flu like symptoms will not be admitted to school. We will be on the alert for signs of illness such as runny nose, flushed cheeks, coughing, rapid or difficulty breathing, fatigue, extreme fussiness, stomach pain or diarrhea/vomiting, skin rash of unknown origin.

If a child becomes unwell during school hours, we will call parents immediately to ask for the child to be picked up from school. The child will be isolated in an area specially designated for that purpose and the school nurse or a member of staff will wait with them.

Parents are requested to phone/email the school between 8:30am and 9:30am if a child is unwell and/or will be staying away from school, especially if an infectious disease is suspected.

Please safeguard your child and others by keeping him/her home if they exhibit signs of illness. Children **MUST be kept home** for the following reasons:

- **Runny nose** is often a symptom of viral or bacterial infection. In this case we recommend either a visit to your doctor, or keeping the child at home for 3 days to see if other symptoms like temperature or coughing will appear. If there is thick yellow or green mucus the child should be tested for bacteria and treated, if necessary. This measure helps to keep other kids in the class safe.
- A **fever** within the last 24 hours. Please keep children home for a minimum of 24 hours following a return to normal temperature.
- **Vomiting or diarrhoea** in the last 24 hours before coming to ICCC.
- A **rash** of unknown origin.

- **Flu symptoms**, extreme runny nose, coughing with a temperature, sore throat.
- Extreme tiredness or irritability of an unexplained nature.
- Children with a **strep infection** should be kept home and return with the doctor's permission (certified with a note).
- Children having **communicable diseases** may not return to ICCC until their doctor gives them permission.
- Children contracting **chicken pox** are contagious a few days before the actual lesions erupt. Children are contagious as long as the lesions are forming and are open. They are no longer considered contagious when there are no new lesions and all the old lesions are crusted and dry. Children may return to ICCC after this period and with a certificate from their doctor that they can return to school.
- Children with **scarlet fever** should return to school after permission from the doctor and a negative strep A test result.
- Children having **head lice** should be kept away from school until they have been treated to eradicate the problem. If a teacher finds head lice, ICCC will send the child home. We will also check all other children and inform parents via email.

Accidents

Although staff members are constantly monitoring children and doing their best to prevent accidents, injuries can happen. We have a protocol in place which involves documenting injuries and notifying parents.

In the event of illness or serious injury at ICCC, staff will:

- Contact the parent(s) who will collect the child as quickly as possible.
- Decide whether to summon medical assistance (most staff have been trained in CPR and we have emergency numbers for local hospitals).

Medication

ICCC staff are prohibited by law to give medication to children.

***Lab tests include GE bacteria and intestinal parasites; blood and urine test.

The tests should be done the week before starting school. All medical laboratories have the so called 'starting nursery or kindergarten package'. You must take the full package for nursery if your child hasn't turned 3 years, or the full package for kindergarten if your child is 3+ years. The Nursery package includes Wasserman (blood test) of one parent.

When going to the lab with your child please have ready: urine sample; stool sample; worm pin sample. You can buy from any Apteka small containers and microscopic glass for the samples. For the pinworm sample: apply clear tape on the child's anus before their morning routine and stick it to the microscopic tape. The lab worker will take blood sample from the child's finger.

Please note that you must present test results printed and signed by the laboratory. Computer print outs are not accepted.