

# UTRGV - PSJA - EHS - CC Partnership Program



## POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR GET WELL AREA

### Policy

Programs establish, follow, and practice, as appropriate, procedures for, at a minimum: (iii) Protection from contagious disease, including appropriate inclusion and exclusion policies for when a child is ill, and from an infectious disease outbreak, including appropriate notifications of any reportable illness; *Head Start Performance Standards 1302.47 (7)(iii) Safety practices: Administrative safety practices.*

What if a child becomes ill while in care? (2) Care for the child apart from other children;. *Minimum Standards for Child Care Centers 746.3605 (2).*

Based on the above policies UTRGV-PSJA-EHS-CCP Program will provide a get-well area to ensure the safety and health of children and staff with the intent to temporarily exclude a child with a short-term injury or an acute or short-term contagious illness, which cannot be readily accommodated. Children who have a suspected/diagnosed communicable disease will be temporarily excluded from the classroom.

### Procedure

1. A get-well area will be designated to provide children who have ill like symptoms, a short-term exclusion from the classroom until either the symptoms subside, the child is able to participate in campus activities or parent has arrived to pick up the child.
2. The child may rest or play quietly in Get Well Area under the supervision of an Early Head staff member until a parent/guardian can be contacted and child is pick-up.

**Note:** It is up to the EHS Child Care Center if they have a separate room designated for a get-well area.