## Illness Reminder:

We need your help to reduce the spread of germs! By working together, taking precautions, we can help to minimize the impact of any illness that can be spread to others.

## Please be reminded of the following:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds;
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Avoid kissing, hugging, and sharing cups or eating utensils with people who are sick;
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces, such as toys and doorknobs, especially if someone is sick;
- Stay home when feeling sick, and obtain consultation from your health care provider.
  - Keep sick children at home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have vomiting or diarrhea
  - o Ill children should stay home until 24 hours after they are fever free without the use of fever-reducing medicines.
- Cover your cough/sneeze. It is best to *cough or sneeze* into your upper sleeve or *elbow*, not your hands. If you cough/sneeze in your hands or in a tissue, make sure you wash your hands afterwards.
- These everyday steps are a good way to reduce your chances of getting the flu. However, a yearly flu vaccine is the best protection against flu illness.