

EXPOSURE NOTICES AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORTING PROCEDURE

1302.47 Safety practices.

(b) A program must develop and implement a system of management, including ongoing training, oversight, correction and continuous improvement in accordance with §1302.102, that includes policies and practices to ensure all facilities, equipment and materials, background checks, safety training, safety and hygiene practices and administrative safety procedures are adequate to ensure child safety. This system must ensure:

(6) *Hygiene practices*. All staff systematically and routinely implement hygiene practices that at a minimum ensure:

(i) Appropriate toileting, hand washing, and diapering procedures are followed;

(ii) Safe food preparation; and,

(iii) Exposure to blood and body fluids are handled consistent with standards of the Occupational Safety Health Administration.

(7) *Administrative safety procedures*. 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;

Communicable Disease

1. Communicable diseases are illnesses that are caused by specific infectious agents (i.e. bacteria). Transmissions of these diseases occur by direct contact with the infectious agent. Diseases can be spread by:
 - Person-to-person contact (direct contact with body secretions or discharges from open sores);
 - Respiratory secretions through coughing, sneezing, or direct contact with excretions of the respiratory system;
 - Indirect contact with inanimate objects (drinking glasses, toys, bedding, etc.);
 - Flies, mosquitoes or other insects (vectors) capable of spreading a disease.
2. When children in the classroom have been exposed to another child, staff or volunteer with a Non-Reportable communicable disease or condition, it is the responsibility of the Lead Teacher to ensure that families are notified of the exposure by posting a notice in the classroom/center within 24 hours while maintaining and supporting the confidentiality of the student and family. Exposure notices should be posted in the classroom/center for the duration of the week.

- The exposure notice is to inform families that their child may have been exposed to a communicable disease or parasite and provide additional information such as, what to look for, cause, how it is spread, treatment, when the child can return to class, and prevention. This information does not replace talking with their health care provider if the child is ill or affected.

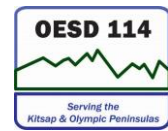
Classroom Exposure Notices:

Chicken pox	Impetigo	Roseola
Conjunctivitis	Influenza	Scabies
Cytomegalovirus (CMV)	Mononucleosis	Staph or MRSA
Fifth's Disease	Pinworms	Strep Throat/Scarlet Fever
Hand Foot Mouth	Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)	
Head Lice	Ringworm	

- Each classroom has access to the OSPI/DSHS "Infectious Disease Control Guide for School Staff" on the OESD 114 website and shall follow the procedures indicated.
<http://www.k12.wa.us/HealthServices/pubdocs/InfectiousDiseaseControlGuide.pdf>
- During enrollment and ongoing as necessary, parents/guardians are informed about when to temporarily exclude their child from the program due to short-term injury or an acute or short term contagious illness.
- Parents/guardians and staff are to notify the classroom within 24 hours after their child, immediate family member, or a staff member has developed a known or suspected communicable disease.

Communicable Disease (Notifiable Conditions-Kitsap Public Health Department)

- Certain communicable diseases must be reported to the local health department in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Washington State Board of Health Governing Control of Communicable Diseases (see Appendix: WAC 246-100 and a list of the reportable diseases). Contagious diseases include, but are not limited to: Measles, Meningitis, Mumps, Pertussis, Rubella, Tuberculosis.
- When children in the classroom have been exposed to another child, staff or volunteer with a **REPORTABLE** communicable disease, the center must notify the Family Services Program Manager and parents/guardians will be informed about the exposure according to the recommendations of the local health officer.
 - For reportable diseases, the local health officer shall take whatever action deemed necessary to control or eliminate the spread of a disease.
 - There are several options available to the health officer.



- Closing the affected center or child care facility;
- Closing other schools/daycares in the health officer's jurisdiction;
- Causing the cessation of selected school/daycare activities or functions;
- Excluding any students, staff, and volunteers who are infected with or deemed susceptible to the disease.

3. The center shall report to and consult with the local health department for specific measures in handling suspected or confirmed cases of reportable communicable diseases among the children, staff or their immediate family members. The local health department has the jurisdiction, when deemed necessary, to institute appropriate measures to control or eliminate the spread of the disease within the center. Notification of such diseases should be made to the:

Kitsap Public Health District
345 Sixth Street, Suite 300
Bremerton, WA 98312-1805
(360) 728-2235