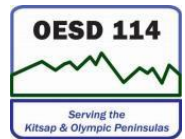




Exposure Notice and Communicable Disease Procedure



Performance Standards and Regulations		
HS/EHS/EHS-HB 1302.47	ECEAP ENV-22	Washington Administrative Code (WAC): 110-300-0205

Purpose

The document tells staff what actions to take when a child, staff or volunteer in the classroom has been diagnosed with a communicable disease.

Guidance

Communicable diseases are illnesses that are caused by specific infectious agents (i.e., bacteria). Transmission 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 discharge 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, mosquitos, or other insects (vectors) capable of spreading disease.

Information about when to temporarily exclude their child is shared with parents/guardians during enrollment and ongoing, as necessary.

Parents/guardians and staff are to notify the classroom within 24 hours after a diagnosed communicable disease or illness.

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>

Procedure

Exposure Notices

When a child, staff, or volunteer has been diagnosed with an infectious illness by their Health Care Provider and has been at the classroom/center during the period when the illness is contagious, the Lead Teacher is responsible for posting an Exposure Notice in the classroom and sending the notice home with children who ride the bus. The notice will alert parents/guardians of the exposure and give them information about signs and symptoms that may indicate their child has contracted the illness.

The Exposure Notice must be posted or given to parents/guardians within 24 hours of the reported diagnosed infectious illness, and confidentiality is always maintained. Exposure notices should be posted in the classroom/center for the duration of the week. The date the Exposure Notice was posted and the type of exposure will be entered into Child Plus.

Temporary Exclusion Due to Illness

Children, staff, and volunteers who have an illness or condition pose a risk of spreading a harmful disease or compromising the health and safety of others and must be excluded from classroom participation. They may return upon their Health Care Provider’s approval. Individuals with head lice, ringworm, or scabies must be excluded from the classroom/center at the end of the day head lice, ringworm, or scabies was discovered. An individual with head lice, ringworm, or scabies may be allowed to return after receiving the first treatment.

Classroom Exposure Notices:

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

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 regulation of the Washington State Board of Health Governing Control of Communicable Disease (WAC 246-100)

Refer to the Kitsap County Notifiable Conditions

https://kitsapublichealth.org/CommunityHealth/files/notifiable_conditions_kphd.pdf.

Contagious reportable diseases include, but are not limited to: Measles, Mumps, Meningitis, Pertussis, Rubella, Tuberculosis.

When children in the classroom have been exposed to another child, staff, or volunteer with a **NOTIFIABLE** disease, the classroom/center must notify the Family Program Manager and parents/guardians will be informed about the exposure according to the recommendation 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.

- The health officer may:
 - close the affected classroom/center
 - close other schools/childcares in the health officer's jurisdiction
 - stop selected school/childcare activities or functions
 - exclude any students, staff, and volunteers who are infected with or deemed susceptible to the disease

The Family Program Manager shall report and consult with the local health department for specific measures in handling suspected or confirmed cases of reportable communicable diseases among child, staff, volunteers, 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 classroom/center/school.

Notification of such disease is made to the Kitsap Public Health District 360-728-2235.