

INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND INFESTATIONS

Settlers Farm OSHC follows the guidelines for prevention of infectious diseases as outlined in the document 'Staying Healthy in Child Care: Preventing Infectious Diseases in Child Care' (*National Health and Medical Research Council - see appendix 3*). Children suffering from infectious diseases will be excluded from OSHC for the length of time specified or on the written advice from the child's medical practitioner. (*See also suspension/ exclusion*)

Procedure:

-Infectious Diseases

- Our staff are committed to assist in infection prevention controls and are required to complete the COVID-19 infection control training.
- Hand washing is the most effective way of controlling infection in the service.
- The service will provide appropriate hand washing facilities and will encourage good hand washing technique.
- When cleaning a contaminated area staff will follow the procedure as set out in the Government of South Australia's publication "You've Got What?" (3rd Edition 2005 – see appendix 4) with particular reference to area 13 and 20 ('Hand washing' and 'Handling Blood and Other Body Substances')
- A medical certificate is required to be readmitted to the service after contracting any recognised infectious disease as outlined by the aforementioned publications.
- For more information visit www.dh.sa.gov.au/pehs/PDF-files/1203-notifiable-disease-list.pdf
- The service will ensure that current information about infectious diseases is held at the service.
- The service will ensure information regarding infectious diseases and exclusion from the service is provided to families in the Family Handbook.
- The service will provide first aid supplies.
- Families will be informed of infectious diseases having occurred at the service.
- Children suffering from infectious diseases will be excluded from the service.
- The service will regularly clean and disinfect equipment.
- Children will be provided with clean drinking and eating utensils for snacks and meals where appropriate – these utensils will be washed or discarded after each use.

-In the event that an educator suspects that a child at the service is suffering from an infectious disease:

- The educator will approach the Director or nominee for a second opinion.
- If the Director or nominee also suspects the child is suffering from an infectious disease and the child is being signed in by a parent/caregiver, they will request that the child be removed from the service until a medical practitioner has determined that the child is not suffering from an infectious disease, or the child has completed the applicable exclusion periods outlined in the current edition of 'Staying Healthy in Childcare'
- If the child is already in attendance at the service, they will be withdrawn from the main group and taken to a separate area, where the educator will further assess the child's current health condition and maintain surveillance while making the child comfortable.
- The educator will refer to 'Staying Healthy in Childcare' for details on the symptoms the child is presenting with – the educator will not make a diagnosis on the child, but may present the information to families.



- An educator will contact the family, and if unsuccessful will attempt the emergency contacts and advise them of the child's condition and request that arrangements be made to collect the child – in the event where a child does not have to be collected immediately, precautions as described in 'Staying Healthy in Childcare' will be implemented.

-In the event that a child with an infectious disease has been in attendance at the service the Director will:

- Ensure that the families of children in attendance that day, or any other previous day the child was in attendance and may have been infected, are notified as soon as possible. The method of advising families will be determined by the Director in consultation with the Health department, where appropriate.
- Ensure confidentiality is maintained and only the name and nature of the infectious disease will be disclosed.
- Ensure information regarding the infectious disease is made available to families.
- Ensure that documentation regarding the infectious disease and the actions taken by the service comply with Regulations.

-Infestations

- In the event that a child is suspected of being infested with head lice, parents will be notified by at least the end of the day and provided with information about treatment options.
- The parents/caregiver need to be informed their child will only be readmitted to care after approved and appropriate treatment has been administered.
- Other families will be informed when there is an infestation of head lice at the service.
- Educators will take measures to reduce children's heads coming into close contact during an outbreak of head lice.

General Hygiene

- Benches and tables will be cleaned after each activity and all surfaces cleaned thoroughly, daily. Areas contaminated with body fluids will be disinfected.
- The service will ensure that toilets and hand-washing facilities are easily accessible to children.
- Children will be encouraged to flush toilets after use, and wash and dry their hands.
- The service will ensure that females have access to hygienic facilities for the appropriate disposal of sanitary pads and tampons.
- Toys, dress-up clothes and other materials and equipment such as cushion covers will be washed regularly. The criteria for selecting new toys, equipment, games, furnishings and other materials will include ease of cleaning.
- Staff will encourage children to put leftover food and soiled food in the bin.
- Bins will be emptied daily.
- Food will be prepared, kept and served hygienically.
- Children will be encouraged to follow good hygiene and dental care practices. Staff will discuss these subjects with groups and individual children as needed.
- Any animal kept at the OSHC service will be maintained in a clean and healthy condition in line with 'The Code of Practice for the Use and Care of Animals in Schools' (*see appendix 5*), the service will also comply with the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1985.



QUALITY AREA 2: CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND SAFETY		
2.1	Health	Each child's health and physical activity is supported and promoted.
2.1.1	Wellbeing and comfort	Each child's wellbeing and comfort is provided for, including appropriate opportunities to meet each child's needs for sleep, rest and relaxation.
2.1.2	Health practices and procedures	Effective illness and injury management and hygiene practices are promoted and implemented.
2.1.3	Healthy Lifestyles	Healthy eating and physical activity are promoted and appropriate for each child.
2.2	Safety	Each child is protected.
2.2.1	Supervision	At all times, reasonable precautions and adequate supervision ensure children are protected from harm and hazard.
2.2.2	Incident and emergency management	Plans to effectively manage incidents and emergencies are developed in consultation with relevant authorities, practised and implemented.
2.2.3	Child Protection	Management, educators and staff are aware of their roles and responsibilities to identify and respond to every child at risk of abuse or neglect.

Policy reviewed	Previous modifications	Next review date
MARCH 2020	ADD: All staff to complete Covid 19 Training within 1 month of commencement of employment	2022