



# PATTERSON LAKES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Outside School Hours Care – Infectious Diseases Policy

### RATIONALE

To ensure the health needs of staff and children-in-care are met.

### AIM

To maximise the protection of all staff and children attending OSHC from the occurrence of an infectious disease in the service.

### IMPLEMENTATION

These procedures apply to program staff and parents.

- Where there is an occurrence of an infectious disease in the service, parents/guardians of the children attending the service shall be informed by means of a notice. The identity of the infected child shall not be disclosed.
- If an OSHC staff member is notified that a child, parent, family member or another staff member is infected with HIV>AIDS or Hepatitis B or C, the information shall remain confidential. Only in the instance that the infected person of the parent consents shall information be shared with other staff members.
- Children who are ill are to be provided with immediate and appropriate care (please see the Child Accident/ Injury Policy). Exclusion periods (as follows) are to be adhered to.
- In the instance where a child is suspected of an infectious illness, a medical certificate of clearance must be presented to the supervisor before the child may return to care.
- **Infectious disease exclusion guidelines**

Disease/Illness	Signs and symptoms	Exclusion period
Chicken pox	Fever, runny nose, cough and fatigue. A small sore appears as a bump and then becomes blister-like for 3 – 4 days then leaves a scab.	Until fully recovered or for at least 5 days.
Common cold	Blocked nose, fever, coughing, headache, sore throat, irritability and sneezing.	Child should be kept at home until recovered.
Conjunctivitis	Weepy red eye/s which are sore and itchy. Sensitivity to light is often a symptom.	Until treatment has commenced and discharge from the eye/s has stopped.
Diarrhoea	Bowel actions are frequent and more fluid consistency.	Until diarrhoea has stopped or until a medical certificate is produced.
Fever	Normal temperature is 36 – 37 degrees. Child looks flushed and feels hot to the touch.	Until child is well and temperature is normal.
Gastroenteritis	Vomiting, nausea, diarrhoea, abdominal cramps, loss of appetite and elevated temperature.	24 hours after last abnormal bowel action or vomiting.
Head lice	Itchy scalp, tiny white eggs attached to the roots of hair.	Until treatment has commenced and certificate of clearance is presented to the supervisor.
Hepatitis A	Inflammation of the liver, jaundice, dark brown urine, pale stools, loss of appetite, nausea, fever, lethargic and abdominal discomfort.	Until a medical certificate of recovery is presented to the supervisor.

Hepatitis B	Infection of the liver	Exclusion is not necessary
Influenza	Fever, runny nose, cough, cold chills, headache, muscle pain and mild sore throat.	Until child feels and looks well.
Measles	High temperature, cough and red eyes for several days followed by a bright itchy rash that starts on the face and continues all over the body.	4 days from the appearance of the rash or until a medical certificate of recovery is produced.
Mumps	Swelling and soreness on one or both sides of the face (below or in front of the ears) Difficulty with swallowing or eating, fever and headache.	Exclude for 9 days or until swelling goes down.
Ringworms	Itchy skin eruption that forms a ring-like pattern	Until medical certificate of recovery is presented to the supervisor.
Scabies	Persistent itchy skin infection caused by a mite.	Until medical certificate of recovery is presented to the supervisor.
Streptococcal (including scarlet fever)	Fever, sore throat with yellow spots around tongue. Rash similar to sunburn and slightly spotted. Skin on hands and feet peel.	Until medical certificate of recovery is presented to the supervisor.
Tonsillitis	Fever and sore throat.	Until treatment has commenced and child is well.
Whooping cough	Heavy cold like symptoms, cough and fever.	Exclude for 5 days after starting antibiotic treatment

Signs and symptoms described here of common illnesses and diseases are only a guide and should not replace a visit to the doctors for full and accurate diagnosis. Also, please refer to minimum period of exclusion from school and Children's Services Centres for Infectious Diseases cases and contacts as prescribed under Regulations 13 and 14 of Health Regulations Act 2001, Schedule 6.

#### REFERENCES

Outside School Hours National Standards, 2.4  
National Health and Medical Council  
Exclusion Table

#### EVALUATION

Guidelines are updated annually and/or as per DET recommendations.

#### CERTIFICATION

This policy was ratified at the School Council meeting held at Patterson Lakes Primary School, November 2018.

Signed  .....  
School Council President

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Principal