

Prevention and Control of Infectious Disease Policy

Name of Program:	(License/Registration/CC Number):	
Program Type (Choose One): <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care Center <input type="checkbox"/> License Exempt Program <input type="checkbox"/> Family/Group Child Care <input type="checkbox"/> Head Start	Director/Administrator/Owner Name:	Contact Phone Number:
Address:		
City/Zip Code:		

Attendance at a child care facility may expose a child to an increased risk of acquiring infectious diseases. Many types of infectious germs may be contained in human waste (urine, feces) and bodily fluids (saliva, nasal discharge, tissue and injury discharge, eye discharge, blood, and vomit). Hand washing is key to prevention and control of infectious disease. The following list addresses but is not limited to the times hand washing must occur.

- Hand washing by children to prevent the spread of germs:
 - After using the restroom
 - After outdoor play
 - Before/after eating a meal or snack
 - After handling animals
 - After art activities

- Hand washing by the staff to prevent the spread of germs:
 - Prior to preparing food
 - After contact with children while preparing food
 - After coming in contact with any bodily fluids
 - After applying medication
 - After cleaning
 - After handling trash/garbage

Current immunization of children is another way to control and prevent the spread of infectious disease. In South Carolina, under the authority of the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), school districts are responsible for ensuring verification of immunization records for children aged 5 and up.

Policy:

_____ ensures the prevention and control of infectious disease at our facility is minimized while children are in care. Staff conduct health observations of children daily and report any signs of illness or injury. Children who show symptoms of a communicable disease or infestation, (e.g., pinkeye, lice, mumps, flu, etc.) are separated from other students in our program and their parent/guardian are contacted to pick up the child. Staff and



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children’s hands are washed regularly to ensure the prevention and control of infectious disease. Any outbreaks of infectious disease (1 or more children) are reported to Child Care Licensing (licensed centers, licensed/registered family child care homes/groups) or ABC Quality (license-exempt centers). Our program conducts regular cleaning and disinfection schedule of areas where children can be exposed. Staff maintain current health assessments and TB tests. For license-exempt programs only – copies of current children immunization records for homeschooled students are kept on file.

What is your procedure if a child becomes sick at your facility? Where? How will ratio be met? Who is responsible for contacting the parent/guardian?
What illness will prevent (exclusion/dismissal) children who are ill from your program?
What is the process of notification to parents/guardians if children in your program have been exposed to a communicable or infectious disease?
What is your program’s cleaning and disinfection schedule in areas of the program where children are served?
Describe where health records of staff and children are in your program. (Include health records, assessments, immunizations, and TB tests as applicable.)



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_____, staff have been informed, read, understand, and agree to implement/abide by the Prevention and Control of infectious Disease policy as written. Our program understands that non-compliance with this policy can result in adverse actions.

Print Name of Authorized Personnel:	
Signature of Authorized Personnel:	Date: