

## **INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

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### **POLICY STATEMENTS:**

In the case that a child has an infectious disease, the child is excluded from the Kindergarten for the period stated in the Health Department Victoria chart.

### **PROCEDURES**

The Infectious Diseases Exclusion Chart shall be on display at the kindergarten, in the bathroom/foyer.

The Chart shall also be printed in the Kindergarten Handbook which is distributed to all parents at the Parent Information Evening.

### **RELATED POLICIES**

Occupational Health and Safety

### **RESPONSIBILITY**

Director  
Three Year Old Group Teacher

### EXCLUSION CHART

Disease/Condition	Exclusion of Cases	Exclusion of Contact
Chicken Pox	Until fully recovered or at least one week after first eruption appears	Not excluded
Conjunctivitis (Acute Infectious)	Until discharge from eyes has ceased	Not excluded
Diphtheria	Until receipt of a medical certificate or recovery from infection.	Domiciliary contacts excluded until investigated by the medical officer of the health or a health officer of the department and shown to be clear of infection
Giardiassis (diarrhea)	Until diarrhea ceases	Not excluded
Hepatitis (infectious hepatitis)	Until receipt of a medical certificate of recovery or on subsidence of symptoms	Not excluded
Hepatitis B	Until recovery from an acute attack	Not excluded
Impetigo (School sores)	Until sores have fully healed. The child may be allowed to return earlier provided that appropriate treatment has commenced and that sores on exposed surfaces such as scalp, face, hands or legs are properly covered with occlusive dressings.	Not excluded
Leprosy	Until receipt of a medical certificate of recovery from infection	Not excluded
Measles	Until at least 5 days from the appearance of a rash or until receipt of a medical certificate of recovery from infection	Non immunized contact must be excluded for 13 days from the first day of appearance of rash in the last case unless immunised within 72 hours of first contact.
Meningococcal infection	Upon receipt of a medical certificate of recovery from infection.	Domiciliary contacts must be excluded until they have been receiving appropriate chemotherapy for at least 48 hours.
Mumps	Until fully recovered	Not excluded
Pediculosis (head lice)	Until appropriate treatment has commenced.	Not excluded

Pertussis (whooping cough)	Until 2 weeks after the onset of illness and until receipt of a medical certificate of recovery from infection.	Domiciliary contacts must be excluded from attending a children's services centre for 21 days after the last exposure to infection if the contacts have not previously had whooping cough immunization
Poliomyelitis	Until at least 14 days after the onset of illness and until receipt of a medical certificate of recovery from infection	Not excluded
Ringworm	Until appropriate treatment has commenced	Not excluded
Rotavirus (diarrhea)	Until diarrhea ceases	Not excluded
Rubella	Until fully recovered or at least 5 days after onset of rash	Not excluded
Scabies	Until appropriate treatment has commenced	Not excluded
Shigella (Diarrhea)	Until diarrhea cease	Not excluded
Streptococcal infection incl Scarlet fever	Until receipt of a medical certificate of recovery from infection	Not excluded
Trachoma	Until appropriate treatment has commenced	Not excluded
Tuberculosis	Until receipt of a medical certificate from a health officer of the department that the child is not considered to be infectious.	Not excluded