



## Dealing with Infectious Disease

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### **Purpose of this Policy**

That School Support Services will provide clear guidelines and procedures to follow when:

- a child attending OSHC shows symptoms of an infectious disease
  - a child attending OSHC has been diagnosed with an infectious disease
  - managing and minimising the spread of infectious disease, illnesses and infestations.
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### **School Support Services will:**

- The OSHC Service Coordinator will encourage parent/care givers to notify the service if their child has an infectious disease or infestation
- The OSHC Service Coordinator will provide information and resources to families to assist in the management of an infectious disease or infestation
- The OSHC Service Coordinator will monitor any symptoms in children that may indicate the presence of an infectious disease or infestation
- Where there is an occurrence of an infectious disease, a parent/guardian or authorised nominee of each child at the service is notified of the occurrence as soon as practicable
- All School Support Services educators will maintain confidentiality at all times
- All School Support Services educators will take reasonable steps to avoid the spread of infectious disease, illness and infestations
- All School Support Services educators will ensure children in their care are following the correct hygiene procedures to avoid the spread of infectious disease, illness and infestations
- The nominated supervisor or School Support Services Management will inform DET, DHS Communicable Diseases Prevention and Control Unit

within 24 hours of becoming aware that a child is suffering a diagnosed vaccine-preventable infectious disease

**Parents/Care Givers are responsible for:**

- Not sending their child to OSHC if they are unwell or have an infectious disease that has a specified exclusion period
- Not sending their child to OSHC when, an infectious disease diagnosed by a GP has been identified at the service and their child has not been fully immunised against the diagnosed infectious disease.
- Not sending their child to OSHC for a minimum of 24hours after vomiting has ceased
- If your child is not immunised: Children who are not immunised will be excluded from care during outbreaks of some infectious diseases in accordance with the 'Minimum Period of Exclusion from School and Children Services Centre's for Infectious Diseases Cases and Contact' (regulations 13/14 of Health Regulation 2001)
- Informing in writing via email [bookings@schoolsupportservices.com.au](mailto:bookings@schoolsupportservices.com.au) if their child has been diagnosed with an infectious disease or has been in contact with a person who has a diagnosed infectious disease
- Complying with the recommended exclusion period if applicable in accordance with the 'Minimum Period of Exclusion from School and Children's Services Centre's for Infectious Diseases Cases and Contact' for the diagnosed infectious disease - <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au>

**Volunteers and students, while at the OSHC service, are responsible for following this policy and its procedures**