

RESPIRATORY OUTBREAK INFECTION CONTROL – CHILD CARE FACILITY CHECKLIST

- Start line listing.
- · Reinforce handwashing.
- · Review basic hygiene principles.
- · Inform parents of outbreak status, including new registrants.
- · Encourage staff and children to remain in designated areas, when feasible.
- · Isolate symptomatic children until parents can pick them up.
- · Exclude ill children and staff for five days or until no longer ill, whichever is shortest.
- Increase routine cleaning and disinfecting, with special attention to commonly touched surfaces such as door handles, handrails, sinks and toilets.
- · Ensure appropriate signage at all entrances and in strategic locations within the daycare.
- · Cancel outings and inform guests of outbreak status.
- · Limit staff movement between daycare sites/sections.

During confirmed influenza outbreaks:

- · Encourage influenza immunization for staff, children and their families.
- · Permit only immunized guests.
- · Provide the Eastern Ontario Health Unit with a list of immunized children and staff.
- · Information should be provided in the following way:
 - · number of immunized staff/total number of staff
 - · number of immunized children/total number of children

NOTE: Additional control measures may be recommended depending on the cause of the outbreak.

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