Policy

Infectious Diseases and Infection Control

Applies To:
Coastal Family Day Care Scheme
Rosebery Child Care Centre

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NQF Reference
National Regulations: Regulations 4, 88, 168

Licensing Ref:
Centre Based Care Class 5, 0 – 12 years. Standard 12: Health, Hygiene and Infection Control

Related Policies:
Health and Safety

Introduction/Purpose:
It is important that educators and staff role-model positive health practices, that children are supervised and assisted and encouraged in their daily health and hygiene routines, and that the service takes appropriate measures to protect the health of children, educators and staff.

Policy Statement:
The health of children and staff is to be maintained through the application of appropriate health and hygiene practices.

Implementation – General Health and Infection Control Practices:
The educator is to observe health and hygiene practices which reflect current community standards and guidelines. Refer to “Staying Healthy in Childcare – 5th Edition”.

The educator is to encourage children to follow appropriate safety and health practices.

Implementation – Infectious Diseases:

Family Day Care: If an educator or a member of the household or a child in care contracts an infectious illness, the educator must notify the Scheme office. The Scheme keeps a record of infectious illnesses.

Rosebery Child Care Centre: If an educator or a child in care contracts an infectious illness, notify the educator in charge who will keep a record in the Service’s register.

STAFF – the administration staff taking the phone call must identify if it is a reportable disease, if it is they MUST ring the Public Health Department and sign in the infectious diseases folder.

Follow exclusion instructions and periods listed in “Staying Healthy in Childcare”.

Educators must promptly inform families that there has been an infectious illness reported to the service and advise recommended practises without mentioning the child/family’s name.

Implementation – Head Lice:
Children who have been detected with Head lice will be excluded from care. The child may return to the Family Day Care environment as soon as ‘effective treatment’ has started. An effective treatment is when a treatment is used and all the lice are dead before returning to care.
Reference:

- Staying Healthy in Childcare: