



School No: 2068 Established 1878

4.7 Infectious Control



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact 03 5996 1744.

For the purpose of this policy, “infectious disease” refers to communicable diseases and notifiable diseases (see Commonwealth Department of Health at www.health.gov.au and Communicable Diseases Network Australia at www.cda.gov.au).

Cranbourne Primary School OSHC strives to remove immediate and/or serious risks to the health of the children, from possible cross infections, by adopting appropriate procedures for dealing with infectious diseases, whilst respecting the rights of individual privacy. Accordingly, all people, including children, staff and parents, with infectious diseases will be excluded from attending Cranbourne Primary School OSHC to prevent the diseases spreading to others.

Monitoring

Cranbourne Primary School OSHC will subscribe to reasonably available alert services through the Commonwealth Government [Department of Health](http://www.health.gov.au) and [Communicable Diseases Network of Australia](http://www.cda.gov.au) and [Health Victoria](http://www.health.vic.gov.au) to keep up to date information on infectious diseases within the community.

Reporting

- It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to inform the Co-ordinator or Supervisor of any infectious disease that their child or other immediate family members may be suffering.
- Parents/guardians will be advised through the enrolment procedure that children who are ill are not to be brought to Cranbourne Primary School OSHC.
- It is the responsibility of staff to inform the Co-ordinator or Supervisor of any infectious disease that the staff member, or their other immediate family members, may be suffering.
- This Service through the school is responsible for reporting to the State Health Authorities all notifiable diseases (as per requirements of the Commonwealth Government Department of Health) and also to report this to parents of other children in this Service as appropriate.
- Parents of children who show symptoms of an infectious disease will be notified and asked to collect their child. Examples of such symptoms are:
 - high fever
 - vomiting
 - diarrhoea
 - clear rash

Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Unit
Department of Health, GPO Box 4057, Melbourne Victoria 3000
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For urgent public health enquiries outside of office hours, telephone the Department's after hours service on 1300 790 733.

Relevant Law and Regulations

Blue book – guidelines for the control of infectious disease, Health Victoria Health Victoria's minimum periods of exclusion table (schedule 7)
National Regulations (77, 85, 86, 88)
National Quality Framework Quality Area 2

Relevant Policies

Food Handling
General Health and Wellbeing Hygiene

Review Information

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