

YELLOWKNIFE PLAYSCHOOL ASSOCIATION

POLICY TITLE: INFECTION CONTROL POLICY

All efforts to maintain general sanitary conditions will be adhered to by the staff, visitors, volunteers and Board of the Yellowknife Playschool Association.

Children will be encouraged to wash their hands prior to eating, after toileting, after playing outside and if exposed to bodily fluids (sneeze, nasal discharge).

Hand washing is not limited to soap and water; hand sanitizer on non-visibly dirty hands is also appropriate.

To the best of their abilities, between class groups, the teachers/volunteers will wipe down high-touch areas (door knobs, light switches, larger surface toys, bathroom, table and chair backs) with Clorox wipes or diluted all-purpose cleaner. All surfaces can be left to air dry.

During warmer months, it is encouraged to open windows to facilitate airflow.

If a child presents to Playschool with an active cough, dripping nose, fever-like symptoms, looking unwell, any type of leaking sore, or other symptoms, the Teacher may call the parent to pick up the child.

If the child is waiting to be picked up, keep him/her away from other children (sitting in the cloak room).

Parents should report to the Playschool Teachers any known exposure of a communicable disease/condition that may have been brought into the Playschool such as hand/foot/mouth, chicken pox, measles, superbug, diagnosed 'flu', whooping cough or impetigo. In this situation a notice will be sent home with each child stating:

Example:

Your child may have been in contact with a child positive for _____ (insert communicable condition: lice, scabies, chicken pox, etc). Please follow up with Public Health or the Health Line for further questions.

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Chairperson's Signature:

The references listed below provide additional information on communicable disease and public health in the NWT.

<http://www.hlthss.gov.nt.ca>

<http://www.yhssa.org/resources/librarySubject.asp>