

Purpose

Westgarth Primary School OSHC (OSHC) has a responsibility under the Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2019¹ to manage certain infectious diseases.

Regulatory Requirements

Section 84 Provision of Information.

(1) The parent or carer must inform the person in charge as soon as practicable if:

- the child is infected with an excludable condition², or
- has been in contact with a person with a condition for which the exclusion of contacts is specified.

(2) If the person in charge believes, on reasonable grounds, that a child enrolled in the service is suffering from an excludable condition they will inform the parent or carer of each enrolled child in writing. All staff members are notified by telephone, email or in person of any infectious diseases present at the service or school.

Section 85 The Service.

(1) The person in charge must not allow a child with an excludable condition, or who has been in contact with a person with a condition for which the exclusion of contacts is specified to attend the service for the specified period.

Policy

An exclusion list is displayed on the wall at OSHC *when necessary*.

OSHC and Westgarth Primary School will each notify the other regarding children enrolled in the OSHC service with an excludable condition.

Procedures

OSHC will follow the directives of the Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2019, and any supporting instructions, procedures or requirements issued by either the Department of Health and Human Services (Vic) or the Department of Education and Training (Vic), regarding the process to be followed when a child presents or is reported to have an excludable condition or has been in contact with a person with a condition for which the exclusion of contacts is specified.

¹ <https://www.legislation.vic.gov.au/in-force/statutory-rules/public-health-and-wellbeing-regulations-2019/004>

² <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/infectious-diseases/school-exclusion/school-exclusion-table>

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Where directed by the Regulations or by a Departmental instruction, OSHC will issue general advice and information sheets to service clients to ensure they:

- are aware that an infectious disease has been reported
- know what symptoms to look for in their family
- know what action to take in the event they believe that a member of their family has or develops the disease

Related documents and attachments

- Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011
- Victorian Department of Human Services
- Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2019

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