

# Exposure to Communicable Diseases Procedure

## Purpose

This tells Site/Center teams how to inform families when a child in the classroom has been diagnosed with a communicable disease.

## Procedure

### Exposure Notices

When a child has been diagnosed with an infectious illness by their Health Care Provider, and has been at the center during the period when the illness is contagious, an *Exposure Notice* must be sent home to all exposed children. The notice will alert parents of the exposure and give them information about signs and symptoms that may indicate their child has contracted the illness. *Exposure Notices* for the most common childhood illnesses are located in the Health, Nutrition & Safety Hub section of the ELPM. The *Important Notice to Parents* coversheet must be attached when necessary and both are available in several languages.

Keep one copy of every exposure notice on file in the classroom  
for easy access to copying and distributing.

### Temporary Exclusion Due to Illness

Children who have an infectious illness are excluded from classroom participation. They may return upon their Health Care Provider's approval.

### Reportable Illnesses

Some infectious illnesses are reportable to the Health Department. If an enrolled child has a reportable illness, then the site/center or the child's health care provider must report the illness to the health department according to school/agency procedures.

## Resources

Important Notice to Family (see Health, Nutrition & Safety Hub)

Exposure Notices (see Health, Nutrition & Safety Hub)

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**Exposure Notices are available in the Early Learning Manual for the following conditions:**

|                                |  |                             |
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| • Bacterial Meningitis         |  | • Mononucleosis             |
| • Chicken Pox                  |  | • MRSA                      |
| • Cold Sores                   |  | • Pink Eye (Conjunctivitis) |
| • Cytomegalovirus (CMV)        |  | • Pinworms                  |
| • Diarrhea Illness             |  | • Reye Syndrome             |
| • Fifth's Disease              |  | • Ringworm                  |
| • Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease |  | • Scabies                   |
| • Head Lice                    |  | • Scarlet Fever             |
| • Impetigo                     |  | • Strep Throat              |
| • Influenza                    |  | • Whooping Cough/Pertussis  |
| • Molluscum Contagiosum        |  |                             |

### Reportable Illnesses/Conditions\*\*

|   |  |                            |
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| • Animal bites                          |  | • Measles                  |
| • Bacterial Meningitis                  |  | • Meningococcal Infections |
| • Campylobacteriosis                    |  | • Mumps                    |
| • Diphtheria                            |  | • Polio                    |
| • E.Coli                                |  | • Reye Syndrome            |
| • Foodborne Illness                     |  | • Salmonella               |
| • German Measles                        |  | • Shigella                 |
| • Giardiasis                            |  | • Tetanus                  |
| • Haemophilus Influenza Type B          |  | • Tuberculosis             |
| • Hepatitis                             |  | • Typhoid Fever            |
| • Kawasaki Syndrome                     |  | • West Nile Virus          |
| • Lyme Disease                          |  | • Whooping Cough/Pertussis |
| Diseases of suspected foodborne origin: |  |                            |
| • Listeriosis                           |  |                            |
| • Salmonellosis                         |  |                            |
| • Rubella                               |  |                            |

\*\*There may be additional illnesses specific to your county. For further information, contact your local county health department.

Pregnant staff should check with their medical provider  
in the event of exposure to an infectious illness.