
Outbreak Management Plan

Definition of an Outbreak?

- **Two** or more cases of enteric illness (symptoms include stomach pain, diarrhea, nausea and vomiting) linked in terms of time, exposure to source and most often location.
- **Two** or more cases with similar symptoms in a classroom in a **48 hour period**.

When you suspect an outbreak, YOU SHOULD immediately:

1. Isolate all ill children until they can be taken home and send ill staff home (designated area is the supervisor's office or staff room).
2. Notify parents or emergency contacts to pick-up ill children as soon as possible.
3. Start a line list: record names, date of birth, gender, all symptoms, the date and time children and staff became ill and their room number or type (e.g., infant room or toddler room).
4. Start additional control measures:
 - Increase the frequency of cleaning and disinfecting of common areas, high touch surfaces and toys.
 - Adequate supplies for Hand Hygiene and cleaning and disinfecting,
 - Appropriate disinfectant to kill circulating organism,
 - Launder all soft-toys and child's bed sheets,
 - Suspend water and sensory play activities, and
 - Reinforce with staff, children and visitors the importance of keeping hands clean.
5. Contact staff and the parents of children that are away from your day nursery (before the outbreak was declared) to inform them of the outbreak and to identify if they are cases (e.g., do they have similar signs and symptoms of those currently ill?) If so, add them to the line list.
6. Contact Toronto Public Health (TPH) to report the outbreak by calling the Communicable Diseases Surveillance Unit (CDSU) at (416) 392-7411.

Have the following information ready when you call TPH:

- a. Name and address of day nursery (Information located beside telephones)
- b. Name of supervisor or person reporting outbreak
- c. List of symptoms

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- d. Onset date, symptoms and duration of symptoms of the first case of illness
 - e. Most recent case of illness, date, symptoms, and duration of illness
 - f. Population at risk per room
 - g. Number of ill per room
 - h. Any lab results or medical diagnosis of children off ill

Attendance Records and Inspection by Medical Officer of Health

Kinder College has a responsibility to work with local health organizations and therefore the local medical of health is permitted to inspect all attendance records.