

Infection Prevention and Control

POLICY

The goal of Sunnyside Garden Daycare Centre is to provide a healthy, safe, and nurturing environment for all children. Preventing children becoming sick under our care and dealing with outbreaks of disease are vital to that achieving that goal.

PROCEDURE

Effective infection prevention and control policies, programs and practices should be risk-based. Activities shall include, but not be limited to:

- Health evaluation of children for signs and symptoms of communicable disease;
- General hygiene and disinfection practices;
- Hand hygiene;
- Appropriate diapering and toileting practices;
- Prevention of occupationally acquired infections, including surveillance and management; and
- Communication with parents and staff with respect to infection prevention and control practices in the child care centre.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Director or designate:

- To make available a copy of this policy to new and existing staff
- To make available a copy of the City of Toronto Document Infection Prevention and Control in Child Care Centres
- Ensure that all staff acknowledge and are aware of this policy through a training session to induct new staff and a reminder to existing staff, for example a review of key activities and any changes to requirements at a team meeting. This review will be organized annually and will include a check that all staff, students and volunteers have signed appropriate forms.
- Inform parents of infection prevention and control policies and procedures through the inclusion of key information in the Parent Handbook and/or website.

Staff/Students/Volunteers:

- Read this policy and the City of Toronto's Guidance Document, Infection Prevention and Control in Child Care Centres
- Participate in training on infection prevention, control and disease management either when they join the Centre or at the annual review training
- Review and sign off this and other related policies
- Refer back to the Guidance Document if they are unsure about a procedure

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- All sinks are cleaned and disinfected with Oxivir Tb RTU Disinfectant Cleaner in accordance with the instructions on the bottle.
- Liquid soap dispensers and disposable towels are supplied along with hot and cold running water.
- Children are taught proper hand hygiene by educators.
- All tables that children sit at while playing or eating will be cleaned and disinfected every day and as needed (and always before serving food). Oxivir must sit on the table for a period of 1 minute prior to wiping clean and then rinsed with clean water.
- All toys and play equipment will be cleaned and disinfected on a monthly basis or as needed (e.g., when toys that have been mouthed or become contaminated)
- Information on incubation and isolation periods of various diseases will be made available and/or posted for parent's information.
- Staff and volunteers must wash hands before serving food. Gloves can be worn when handling food (must be worn when cuts or bandages are on hands). These gloves must be disposed of when finished, not reused or passed on to someone else.
- Bedding will be changed and beds sanitized weekly or as needed. Blankets and sleep toys will be sent home each Friday for laundering.
- Chairs and shelves will be cleaned and sanitized monthly or as needed.

- All staff should follow integrated pest management principles of eliminating pests access to food, water and shelter.
- Toronto Public Health IPAC information sheets/pictographs will be posted where required and followed.
- The protocol for resident and visiting pets must meet guidelines.