

Health and Safety

Please keep us informed of any medical conditions or allergies that your child develops, and phone the Kindy if your child is going to be absent. Help stop the spread of infection by keeping children at home if they are unwell, and notify the Kindy if your child is suffering from any communicable/notifiable disease. (See next page). Always ensure that the Kindergarten has your work number and your caregivers number.

Disease	Action
Chicken Pox	Exclude for 7 days from the appearance of spots or until all lesions have crusted
Conjunctivitis	Exclude until discharge has ceased
Diarrhoea	Exclude until diarrhoea has ceased
Giardia	Child with infectious diarrhoea should not attend
Glandular Fever	Exclude until well
Hand Foot and Mouth Disease	Exclude child until well and all blisters have dried
Haemophilus type b (HIB)	Exclude until medical certificate of recovery is received
Head Lice	Exclude until effective treatment has been carried out
Hepatitis A	Exclude until a medical certificate of recovery is received, but not before 7 days after the onset of Jaundice or illness
Hepatitis B	Exclusion is not necessary
Hepatitis C	Exclusion is not necessary
Herpes ("cold sores")	Young children unable to comply with good Hygiene practices should be excluded while the lesion is weeping. Lesions to be covered by dressing, where possible
Hookworm	Exclusion not necessary
Human immune-deficiency virus Infection (HIV AIDS virus)	Exclusion is not necessary unless the child has a secondary infection
Impetigo (School Sores)	Exclude until appropriate treatment has commenced. Sores on exposed surfaces must be covered with a watertight dressing
Infectious Hepatitis	Excluded until medical certificate of recovery is produced. If this is not available, readmit once symptoms have subsided.
Influenza and Similar Illnesses	Exclude until well.

Meningitis (bacterial)	Exclude until well.
Measles	5 days from the appearance of rash or when medical certificate of recovery is produced.
Meningococcal Infection	Exclude until adequate carrier eradication therapy has been completed.
Mumps	Exclude until fully recovered.
Ring Worms	Not excluded if confined to part of body which can be adequately covered and appropriate treatment has commenced.
Rotavirus	Exclude until vomiting , diarrhoea has ceased.
Rubella (German Measles)	Exclude 5 days from the appearance of rash.
Salmonella, Shigella	Exclude until diarrhoea ceases.
Streptococcal infections (including scarlet fever)	Exclude until appropriate medical treatment is given and a medical certificate of recovery is produced.
Tuberculosis	Exclude until a medical certificate from an appropriate health authority is received.
Typhoid fever (including paratyphoid fever)	Exclude until approval to return has been given by an appropriate health authority.
Worms (intestinal)	Exclude if diarrhoea is present.

Head Lice

As this appears to be a highly emotive issue, clarification was sought from the local Health Inspector, the SA Health Commission, and our Department; as to the processes that need to be followed:

- Children with both confirmed and **suspected** cases need to be excluded from the Kindy/Rural Care (policy of the Kindergarten is that exclusion is for 24 hrs). Staff do not need to inspect children prior to informing parents of a suspected case.
- Children, along with the whole family (as well as bed linen, clothing etc), need appropriate treatment (needs to be a chemical in conjunction with other treatment that families feel comfortable with). The Health Commission have stated that the electric comb is **not** acceptable as an **only** form of treatment but needs to be in conjunction with other chemi-cal treatment. Vinegar is not

considered to be a treatment, rather it is used to make dead eggs come off the hair shaft a little easier.

▣ Always treat again 7-10 days following initial treatment, to kill any eggs that have survived and hatched.

▣ **The Centre have the right of refusal if children are not treated appropriately,** since we have a responsibility to attend to the health needs of all children. The child may be reinspected by staff before par-ents leave, and before the child is readmitted to the centre.

▣ Please note that not all families have given their approval for us to check their child, nor do all families regularly inspect their children, so staff cannot guarantee control over existence of head lice at the centre.

▣ **If an epidemic arises, then our local Health Inspector will visit the Kindy and will inspect the children (with or without consent, preferably with) as part of the community responsibility in dealing with an epidemic. This would then be followed up with a home visit.**