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“We are a community-based child care centre fostering a co-operative learning environment for the entire family.”

Outbreak Policy

Gastrointestinal Like Illness

When an age group (program) has 3 or more children with signs and symptoms of vomiting and/or diarrhea within a 4-day period.

OR

When there is a significant increase the number of children throughout the centre who exhibit signs and symptoms of vomiting and/or diarrhea within 48 hours.

In the event that Management classifies the Centre as being in an outbreak situation, the parents will receive a letter informing them of the situation and what to expect. The centre will monitor our progress every day and will follow the gastroenteritis illness checklist provided by Public Health. Public Health will continue to provide resources to the centre and answer any questions. Outbreak inspections will only be done by Public Health when the source of the illness is believed to be foodborne. If your child experiences diarrhea, please see your family physician, who will determine if a stool sample should be taken.

*Please note that the Centre will not take a stool sample from any child. The results of any stool sample tests will not be shared with the Centre. They remain confidential between Public Health and the family.

The exclusion period from the Centre is 48 –hours (vomit and diarrhea free.)

In addition, the Health Unit is requiring that any child who has one episode of either vomiting or diarrhea be kept at home for observation to ensure that no other episodes occur within 24 hours.

A sign will be posted on the front door informing families of the outbreak and each program room will post outside their door if any cases are present.

Practices within the centre will go back to normal after there have been no new cases for 5 days from the last case.