

Illness Exclusion Versus An Outbreak

Enteric Illness

Scenario	Exclusion	Outbreak Status	Return Policy
One child/staff with 1 episode of enteric symptom(s)* within a 24-hour period	Child/staff must be excluded immediately and sent home	No outbreak to report	Ill child/staff must be symptom free for at least 48 hours and no fever is present
One child/staff with 2 episodes of enteric symptom(s)* within a 24-hour period	Child/staff must be excluded immediately and sent home	No outbreak to report	Ill child/staff must be symptom free for at least 48 hours and no fever is present
Two or more children/staff with 1 episode of enteric symptom(s)* each within a 24-hour period	Children/staff must be excluded immediately and sent home	No outbreak to report	Ill children/staff must be symptom free for at least 48 hours and no fever is present
Two or more children/staff with 2 episodes of enteric symptom(s)* each within a 24-hour period, but no epidemiological link within the centre (i.e., not in the same room, etc.)	Children/staff must be excluded immediately and sent home	No outbreak to report	Ill children/staff must be symptom free for at least 48 hours and no fever is present
Two or more children/staff ill with initial symptom onset within a 48-hour period and have an epidemiological link within the centre (i.e., same room, etc.). Each child/staff had 2 or more episodes of enteric symptom(s)* within a 24-hour period.	Children/staff must be excluded immediately and sent home	Outbreak definition met. Report cases to the health department for further outbreak investigation. Contact 905-668-2020 to speak with a Public Health Inspector.	Ill children/staff must be symptom free for at least 48 hours and no fever is present

*Symptoms include diarrhea (i.e., loose/watery stool) and/or vomiting

Respiratory Illness

Scenario	Exclusion	Outbreak Status	Return Policy
One child/staff experiencing respiratory symptom(s)**	Child/staff must be excluded immediately and sent home	No outbreak to report	Ill child/staff must have symptom(s) improving for at least 24 hours and no fever is present
Two or more children/staff experiencing respiratory symptom(s)** each within a 72-hour period, but no epidemiological link within the centre (i.e., not in the same room, etc.)	Children/staff must be excluded immediately and sent home	No outbreak to report	Ill children/staff must have symptom(s) improving for at least 24 hours and no fever is present
Two or more children/staff experiencing respiratory symptom(s)** each within a 72-hour period and have an epidemiological link within the centre (i.e., same room, etc.)	Children/staff must be excluded immediately and sent home	No outbreak to report As of January 2022, respiratory outbreaks will not be declared until further notice	Ill children/staff must have symptom(s) improving for at least 24 hours and no fever is present

**Symptom(s) are new, worsening, and not related to other known causes or conditions. Respiratory symptoms include cough, runny or stuffy/congested nose, sore throat, shortness of breath, fever and/or chills.



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