

## 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 <b>must</b> 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 <b>must</b> be symptom free for at least 48 hours and have no fever
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 <b>must</b> be symptom free for at least 48 hours and have no fever
Two or more children/staff with 2 episodes of enteric symptom(s)* each, within a 24-hour period, <b>but no common link within the centre (e.g. not in the same room, etc.)</b>	Children/staff must be excluded immediately and sent home	No outbreak to report	Ill children/staff <b>must</b> be symptom free for at least 48 hours and no fever is present
<b>Two or more children/staff ill with initial enteric symptom onset within a 48-hour period and with a common link within the centre (e.g. same room, etc.). Each child/staff had 2 or more episodes of enteric symptom(s)* within a 24-hour period.</b>	<b>Children/staff must be excluded immediately and sent home</b>	<b>Outbreak definition met.</b> Contact the health department promptly using our <a href="#">Outbreak Reporting Form</a> and/or call 905-668-2020 to speak with a Public Health Inspector.	<b>Ill children/staff must be symptom free for at least 48 hours and have no fever</b>

<https://forms.durham.ca/Health/Child-Care-Setting-Outbreak-Reporting-Form>

\*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 <b>must</b> have symptom(s) improving for at least 24 hours and have no fever
Two or more children/staff experiencing respiratory symptom(s)** within a 48-hour period, <b>but no common link (e.g. not in the same room, etc.)</b>	Children/staff must be excluded immediately and sent home	No outbreak to report	Ill children/staff <b>must</b> have symptom(s) improving for at least 24 hours and have no fever
Two or more children/staff experiencing respiratory symptom(s)** within a 48-hour period <b>with a common link (e.g. same room, etc.)</b>	Children/staff must be excluded immediately and sent home	No outbreak to report*** <b>Refer to:</b> <a href="#">Recommended IPAC Measures During Periods of Increased Respiratory Illness.</a>	Ill children/staff <b>must</b> have symptom(s) improving for at least 24 hours and have no fever

<https://www.durham.ca/en/health-and-wellness/resources/Documents/OperatingaChildCareCentre/WeeCareSpringSummer2024.pdf>

\*\*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.

\*\*\*The health department is not currently declaring or managing respiratory outbreaks in child care centres.

