

Should She Stay or Should She Go? The Inclusion and Exclusion of Sick Infants and Toddlers

Audio Conference for Infant Toddler Specialist Network on February 11, 2015

Learning Objectives

1. Review the most common illnesses found in child care settings
2. Explore policies of inclusion and exclusion of sick infants and toddlers
3. Define what policies there are for reporting illness to the health department
4. Discuss strategies and resources to prevent the spread of illness in child care

References

1. Caring for our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards, 3rd Edition
<http://nrckids.org/CFOC3/index.html>
2. Virginia Department of Social Services, Child Care Facilities information page (links to Regulations) <http://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/cc/index.cgi>
3. Healthy Child Care Virginia, Virginia Department of Health
<http://www.vahealth.org/childadolescenthealth/EarlyChildhoodHealth/HealthyChildCareVA/>
4. Immunize Virginia <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/immunization/>
5. Guidelines for Use of Sanitizers and Disinfectants in Child Care Facilities
<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/ofhs/childandfamily/childhealth/ech/hccv/documents/pdf/DisinfectionguidelinesWITHADDENDUM2014.pdf> (pdf of the document)
<http://www.vahealth.org/childadolescenthealth/EarlyChildhoodHealth/HealthyChildCareVA/resources.htm> (resource page)
7. Virginia Dept. of Health Communicable Disease Reference Chart for School Personnel (only available online)
http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/Epidemiology/documents/pdf/Communicable_Disease_Chart.pdf
8. Managing Infectious Diseases in Child Care and Schools. A Quick Reference Guide, 3rd Edition.
<http://shop.aap.org/product-list/?q=managing%20infectious%20diseases> for purchasing information.
9. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Seasonal Influenza Page
http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/season/?s_cid=cs_074
10. American Disabilities Act www.ada.gov or 1-800-514-0301
11. Rules and Regulations of the Board of Health (Reportable Illnesses)
<http://www.vdh.state.va.us/epidemiology/regulations.htm>

Resources

1. VDH website: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/ofhs/childandfamily/childhealth/ech/hccv/>
 - a. VDH Recommended *Cleaning and Disinfecting Guidelines*
<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/ofhs/childandfamily/childhealth/ech/hccv/documents/pdf/DisinfectionguidelinesWITHADDENDUM2014.pdf>
2. Sample Asthma Action Plan
http://www.healthychildcare.org/pdf/MedAdmin/AR_AsthmaAction0-5.pdf
3. Standard Precautions: Keeping Safe when Touching Blood and other Body Fluids; Healthy Child Care Pennsylvania <http://www.ecels-healthychildcarepa.org/professional-development-training/workshops/item/208-blood-borne-pathogens-keeping-safe-while-touching-blood-or-other-body-fluids-workshop> (there is a fee for this self training module)
4. Standard Precautions: Keeping Safe when Touching Blood and other Body Fluids (**Free Handout Posted on this web site)
<http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/styles/iidc/defiles/ECC/CCR-SafeTouchBlood.pdf>