



OUTBREAK POLICY

In the event of an outbreak or suspect of an outbreak (two or more diagnosed cases or an increase in the baseline incidence of staff, volunteers or students with similar symptoms) the Health Department should be notified and their recommendations followed - 905 723 3818 or 1 888 777 9613 and the outbreak reported through CCEYA as required.

- ❖ All absorbent and natural materials should be removed from the room and any group sensory activities should be suspended for the duration.
- ❖ Information regarding the outbreak will be posted in the classroom in a main traffic area and fact sheets shared with parents.
- ❖ The child, staff or volunteer shall not be in physical contact within the school until directed otherwise from the Health Department.
- ❖ Parents will be notified of symptoms through the office and asked to collect the child.
- ❖ Sick children, staff or volunteer should wait in the office or designated area for pick up.
- ❖ Students, staff or volunteer should leave the property until the symptom free period mandated by the Health Department has been achieved.
- ❖ Increased hand washing and disinfection must be implemented.
- ❖ Gloves should be used for contact with bodily fluids - hands carefully washed after. PPE will be determined by the Health Department (glasses, masks, gowns, slippers, etc.).
- ❖ Room to room contact should not occur.
- ❖ Community events should be cancelled.
- ❖ Visitors, etc. will be denied entry as directed by the Health Department
- ❖ Daily contact must be maintained with the Health Department for the duration of the outbreak period via the Outbreak Line Listing Form.

Pandemic Outbreak

In the event of a serious infectious illness outbreak or pandemic, you may be required to sign a declaration confirming that you or the student have not been exposed to the identified contagion. Based on recommendations by the federal, provincial, and/or municipal departments of health you may be asked to be absent from work for a specified period of time, if you or any family member residing in your home, have been exposed to an identified contagion.



A test might be required to rule out a serious infectious or disease based on recommendations from the local Public Health Unit, the Ministry of Education and or the Ministry of Labour.

If you have been asked to remain off work for any of the above health reasons, prior to returning to work you will be required to provide a doctor's letter confirming that you are fit to return to work. As part of this process you may also be required to have a test to confirm that you are free of illness.

Exclusions

- ❖ Students, staff and volunteers when showing symptoms, etc. should be excluded from the centre.
- ❖ Parents will be notified to pick up the ill child.
- ❖ Ill children should wait for pick up in an area removed from others i.e. in the office.

For additional information, please see MLCP's Policy and Procedure's Sanitary Practices.