

5 useful actions to prevent infections in childcare centres



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MONITOR SYMPTOMS AND ACT QUICKLY

- Often remind everyone to inform the childcare centre as soon as a child or staff member is sick.
- Send a child home if he or she is experiencing at least 1 of the following:
 - Has a fever 1 hour after taking a medication to reduce it (e.g. :Tylenol or Tempra);
 - Is unable to do the activities;
 - Has vomited at least twice;
 - Has heavy diarrhoea* or blood in the stools;
 - Has sores that are oozing pus and can't be covered over;
 - Has a rash and a fever;
 - Has a doctor's recommendation to stay home.
- Send home any staff member who has a fever.
- Make sure that any adult who has a cough, sore throat or stuffy nose wears a mask.

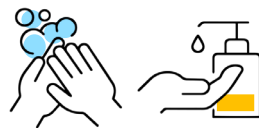


Vaccination is always the most effective way to prevent many infectious diseases.



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WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN



- Often remind everyone to wash their hands.
- Identify locations to wash hands.
- In common areas (e.g., entrance and exit, play rooms, dining room), put up posters that show the steps of proper handwashing.

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FOLLOW RESPIRATORY HYGIENE



- Often remind everyone to sneeze and cough into their elbow or a tissue (Kleenex).
- Put boxes of tissues (Kleenex) and garbage bins in multiple places.

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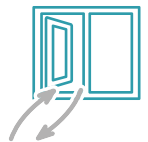
MAKE SURE THE SPACE IS CLEAN



- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that are handled often (e.g., doorknobs, tables, toys, floor).
- Clean the toilets and the kitchen every day.
- Follow the steps for changing diapers.

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AIR OUT THE CHILDCARE CENTRE OFTEN



- Open windows as much as possible.
- If possible, use an air exchange system.
- Play outdoors as often as possible.



* Stools too abundant to be contained in the diaper, or child is unable to get to the toilet.

