

Child Care Enteric Outbreak Management Checklist

Notes

1. When did you first identify an increase in illness at the centre?	
2. Notify Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU). • 705-721-7520 x 5744	Date SMDHU Notified
3. Start a Line List . • Use a separate page for staff and a separate page for children. • Who to include on the line list? • Staff or children who have had more than one episode of diarrhea and/or vomiting within a 24-hour period, i.e.: ▪ at least 2 episodes of diarrhea, or ▪ at least 2 episodes of vomiting, or ▪ at least 1 episode of vomiting and 1 episode of diarrhea • Staff or children who have had at least 1 enteric symptom and have received a laboratory confirmed result of an enteric pathogen. • As directed by your public health inspector. • Update the line list each day and submit to SMDHU: • Secure file upload - www.smdhu.org/secureupload • Fax: 705-733-7738 • Do not email the line list directly to the inspector.	
4. Isolation: • Isolate and send home when a child is symptomatic on-site. • Separate the ill child from the other children and contact caregivers to arrange for pick up as soon as possible. • Send ill staff home immediately.	
5. Exclusion: • Exclude ill children and staff until 48 hours symptom free . • Supervisors are to review with symptomatic staff exclusion from working in other centres for the duration of the outbreak.	
6. Cohort classrooms during the outbreak. • Do not mix children from different classrooms and keep staff designated to one classroom. • Staff should not be working at other child care locations.	
7. Notification: • Notify families, visitors, and community stakeholders of outbreak status. • Educate visitors, parents, and volunteers on precautions. • Post signage indicating facility is currently in outbreak.	
8. Defer admissions, visits to other rooms, and “short term care” until the outbreak is under control.	
9. Cancel social activities, field trips and community functions.	

