

# **Fort McMurray Catholic Schools Operating Policies and Procedures**

## **OP 610 – Child Care Services Health & Safety – Reporting of Illness**

### **Policy**

Fort McMurray Catholic Schools Child Care Services Programs will abide with the general health and safety standards and all other applicable regulations set out by Alberta Health Services including:

- a. Health and Safety Guidelines for Child Care Facilities;
- b. Communicable Disease Regulation;
- c. Food Regulation;
- d. Institution Regulation;
- e. Housing Regulation;
- f. Swimming Pool, Wading Pool and Water Spray Parks Regulation;
- g. Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation.

### **Reporting of illness**

When a staff member knows or has reason to believe that a child is exhibiting signs or symptoms of illness the staff member must:

- a. Notify the parent, legal guardian, or emergency contact as soon as possible;
- b. Keep the child comfortable;
- c. Ensure the sick child is kept as far away from other children as is practical;
- d. Obtain medical assistance when necessary;
- e. Ensure that the child's parent(s) arrange for the immediate removal of the child from the program premises;
- f. Complete an Incident/Accident/Illness Form;

- g. Notify the Program Manager immediately:
- h. if the child's illness requires emergency health care and/or requires the child to remain in the hospital overnight.
- i. In situations when the signs or symptoms of illness exhibited by a child may include, but are not limited to:
  - i. Vomiting, fever, diarrhea, or a new, unexplained rash or cough;
  - ii. Requiring greater care and attention than can be provided without compromising the care of the other children in the program; or having or displaying any other illness or symptom the staff member knows (or believes) may indicate that the child poses a health risk

Parents should be informed to seek alternate child care or keep their child at home if their child has received one or more of the following diagnoses from a physician or other health professionals:

- a. Chickenpox (the child can be permitted to return to the program when he or she feels well enough to participate in all activities, regardless of the state of the rash and as long as the child returns to the same group they were with one to two days before the onset of the rash)
- b. Diarrhea or loose stool (the child should be excluded for 24 hours until symptoms are resolved or assessed by a physician);
- c. Hepatitis A (the child should be excluded until 14 days after onset of illness or seven days after onset of jaundice); Impetigo (the child should be excluded until 24 hours after antibiotic treatment has been initiated);
- d. Wheezing/Persistent Coughing; (the child should be excluded until assessed by a physician or the symptoms are resolved);
- e. Measles (the child should be excluded until four days after the appearance of a rash);
- f. Mouth sores with drooling (the child should be excluded until a physician has determined that the symptoms are non-infectious);
- g. Mumps (the child should be excluded until nine days after onset of parotid gland swelling);
- h. Pertussis, or "Whooping Cough" (the child should be excluded until five days after antibiotic treatment has been completed, until three weeks after onset of symptoms, or until the coughing has stopped);

- i. Purulent conjunctivitis, or “Red/Pink Eye” (the child should be excluded until 24 hours after antibiotic treatment has been initiated);
- j. Rash, with fever or behavioural change (the child should be excluded until a physician has determined that the symptoms are non-infectious);
- k. Rubella (the child should be excluded until at least four days after onset of the rash, or up to five to seven days at the option of local health authority);
- l. Scabies, Head Lice, or other Infestation (the child should be excluded until appropriate treatment has been completed);
- m. Strep throat or other Streptococcal Infection (the child should be excluded until 24 hours after appropriate antibiotic treatment and cessation of the fever);
- n. Symptoms of Possible Severe Illness, such as lethargy, uncontrolled coughing, irritability, persistent crying, difficult breathing, wheezing (the child should be excluded until assessed by a physician or the symptoms are resolved);
- o. Temperature, with a fever of 38.0 degrees C or higher;
- p. Tuberculosis (the child should be excluded until a physician has approved his or her return); or
- q. Vomiting – with two or more episodes of vomiting in the last 24 hours.

**References:**

- Alberta School Act Alberta School Act, Para 3 & 45(8)
- Board Governance Policies
- Executive Limitation #4 – Treatment of Students and Parents

**Cross References:**

- [AHS- Health and Safety Guidelines for Child Care Facilities](#)
- [AHS – Public Health Notifiable Disease Management Guidelines](#)

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