

# Infectious Diseases Policy

<b>Policy Relevant to:</b>	All staff, Educators & families
<b>Procedure:</b>	Adventure Patch Infectious Diseases Procedure
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<b>National Law:</b>	167

## Rationale

There are three steps in an infection chain:

1. The germ has a source;
2. The germ spreads from the source;
3. The germ infects another person.

To break the infection chain cycle and stop to spread of infectious diseases, the service will implement:

- Effective hand hygiene
- Exclusion of unwell children, educators and others
- Immunisation
- Cough and sneeze etiquette
- Appropriate use of gloves
- Effective cleaning procedures.

## Policy

Adventure Patch has a responsibility to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of children, educators, employees and others visitors to our services.

Hygiene habits developed during childhood set a solid foundation for life. Strategies to support the prevention and reduction of infectious disease will be implemented.

Where there is an occurrence of an infectious disease, reasonable steps will be taken to prevent the spread of the disease at the service. Adventure Patch will implement infection control procedures to minimise likelihood of cross-infection, and spread of diseases and illnesses to children, educators, employees and others.

Preventative measures through infection control processes will be implemented at Adventure Patch at all times; to create a safe and hygienic environment that will promote the health and wellbeing of children and adults.

Adventure Patch will comply with current regulatory exclusion schedules and guidelines.

Parents or an authorised emergency contact will be notified of the occurrence as soon as practicable. Adventure Patch will provide current and accessible resources for families, and staff/educators regarding the protection of all children from infection.

As exclusion reduces the risk of the spread of infectious diseases, a person diagnosed with an infectious disease will be excluded from the service in accordance with National Health and Medical Research Guidelines.

