

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy is to:

- prevent and control the transmission of infectious diseases which are more common in children
- minimise the greater risk to which children are exposed when attending a centre with other children.

OUR VISION FOR SORRENTO EARLY LEARNING

Our vision is to aspire for excellence in the provision of early childhood services through the creation of a safe, extended family environment and the development of a community of learners where educators, parents and other adults are committed to the children's education and wellbeing.

BROAD GUIDELINES FOR THIS POLICY

Sorrento Early Learning is committed to:

- providing a safe and healthy environment for all children, staff and any other persons attending Sorrento Community Centre Early Learning
- responding promptly to the needs of the child or adult who presents with symptoms of an infectious disease or infestation while attending the Centre
- complying with current exclusion schedules and guidelines for children and staff as set by the Department of Health
- providing up-to-date information and resources for families and staff regarding protecting children from infectious diseases and blood-borne viruses, management of infestations and immunisation programs
- preventing the spread of diseases and illness through standard hygiene practices such as hand washing, effective cleaning procedures, and monitoring immunisation records
- implementing the Victorian Government's 'No Jab, No Play' legislation.

Resources available

National Quality Standard, Quality Area 2: Children's Health and Safety
National Quality Standard, Quality Area 6: Collaborative Partnerships with Families and Communities
Children's Services Regulations 2009
Department of Education and Training - www.education.vic.gov.au
Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008
Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2008
NHRMC *Staying Healthy* 5th Edition

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