



**POLICY: Infectious Disease & Illness Exclusion**

Regulations;, HS25, HS26, HS27, HS28, HS29 HS30, HS34, PF27, PF28  
Reg 46  
Appendix 2 of the Licensing Criteria  
*Nga Kupu Oranga: Healthy Messages.*  
Incident Register

**Rationale & Objectives:**

The purpose of this operational policy is to keep children and adults in good health and safe from harm by meeting Licensing Criteria HS25, HS26, HS27 HS30 and HS12.

All practicable steps are taken to ensure that children and kaiako at Lumsden Kindergarten do not come into contact with any person (adult or child) on the premises who is suffering from a disease or condition likely to be passed on to children and likely to have a detrimental effect on them.

**Procedures:**

Both children and adults can get sick quite suddenly or can be unwell on arrival at the centre. Our job is to maintain the well-being of our children by creating a safe and healthy environment and acting urgently and effectively to ensure health and well-being of all children.

At Lumsden Kindergarten we will take every precaution to prevent the transmission of infection to other children or adults. We want to ensure that all team members are in good health and able to perform their assigned role to a high standard and that all children are in good health and kept safe from harm.

**General**

- We have team first aid sessions concentrating on basic child first aid
- One teacher to every 25 children have a full First Aid certificate
- We have a first aid kit at both centres equipped to the standard set by the Ministry of Education and kept fully equipped by the health and safety officer.
  - BL – in the cabinet in the children’s bathroom
  - LL – in the children’s bathroom on the wall
  - Travel First Aid kit in LL pantry on the far left side
- We have areas where we can isolate sick children.
- Children are washed when they are soiled or pose a health risk to themselves or others.

## When should children stay away?

In general, children should stay away from Lumsden Kindergarten when they are ill and causing concern or:

- have no interest in activities or play;
- have little energy, want or need to sleep or rest for long periods;
- cry easily, are irritable or are in pain;
- constantly want to be held and comforted;
- have a fever 38 degrees or over; or
- any child with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away until symptoms cease and they are well. See below re the required standdown period

We have a stand down period of 24hrs – 48hrs if a child displays any of the above symptoms.

### Implementation:

A list of infectious and notifiable diseases is contained in Appendix 2 of the Licensing Criteria.

The Ministry of Health's website, [www.moh.govt.nz](http://www.moh.govt.nz), has a resource called *Nga Kupu Oranga: Healthy Messages*. It is a health and safety resource for early childhood services and is available to download.

The relevant sections are as follows:

- Section B: Preventing Infectious Illness 10
- B1 Spreading infectious illness 10
- B2 Strategies for early childhood services 11
- B3 Exclusion 13
- B4 Immunisation 18
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- B6 Cleaning and disinfecting 22

The Ministry of Health's website has information about preventing infectious diseases, <http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexmh/immunisation-about>.

Philosophy: 'Trusting relationships'

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