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# *DEALING WITH INFECTIOUS DISEASES POLICY*

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## *QUALITY AREA 2.1: CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND SAFETY*

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Yarraman Oaks Primary School OSHC strives to remove immediate and/or serious risks to the health of the children, from possible cross infections, by adopting appropriate procedures for dealing with infectious diseases\*, whilst respecting the rights of individual privacy. Accordingly, all people, including children, staff and parents, with infectious diseases will be excluded from attending Yarraman Oaks Primary School OSHC to prevent the diseases spreading to others.

### **Monitoring**

Yarraman Oaks Primary School OSHC will subscribe to reasonably available alert services through the Commonwealth Government Department of Health and Communicable Diseases Network of Australia and Health Victoria to keep up to date information on infectious diseases within the community.

### **Reporting**

- It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to inform the Co-ordinator of any infectious disease that their child or other immediate family members may be suffering.
- Parents/guardians will be advised through the enrolment procedure that children who are ill are not to be brought to Yarraman Oaks Primary School OSHC.
- It is the responsibility of staff to inform the Co-ordinator of any infectious disease that the staff member, or their other immediate family members, may be suffering.
- This Service is responsible for reporting to the State Health Authorities all notifiable diseases (as per requirements of the Commonwealth Government Department of Health) and also to report this to parents of other children in this Service as appropriate, but having regard to the privacy of individuals concerned.
- The Co-ordinator will notify the Principal in writing when a report of notification has been made to the Department of Health.
- Parents of children who show symptoms of an infectious disease (E.g. High fever, vomiting, diarrhoea, rash) are asked not to send their child to the service.

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For urgent public health enquiries outside of office hours, telephone the  
Department's after hours service on 1300 790 733.

\* When infectious disease is referred to in these policies and procedures, it means communicable diseases and notifiable diseases (see Commonwealth Department of Health at [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au) and Communicable Diseases Network Australia at [www.cda.gov.au](http://www.cda.gov.au) ).

#### Relevant Law and Regulations

Blue book – guidelines for the control of infectious disease, Health Victoria  
Health Victoria's minimum periods of exclusion table (schedule 7)

National Regulations (77, 85, 86, 88)

Quality Area 2, Element 2.1.4

Relevant Policies

Food Handling

General Health and Wellbeing

Hygiene

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