

# Infectious Diseases Infection Prevention And Control In Licensed Day Nurseries Protocol

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# Purpose

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- The purpose of this Protocol is to provide direction to boards of health for the delivery of advice, consultation, and inspection(s) with respect to infection prevention and control practices in licensed day nurseries.

# Requirements Listed in Standard

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## Infectious Diseases Prevention and Control Standard

- Requirement #14:
  - The board of health shall inspect settings associated with risk of infectious diseases of public health importance in accordance with the *Infection Prevention and Control in Licensed Day Nurseries Protocol, 2008* (or as current); the *Infection Prevention and Control in Personal Services Settings Protocol, 2008* (or as current); and the *Risk Assessment and Inspection of Facilities Protocol, 2008* (or as current).

# Protocol Highlights

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## Roles and Responsibilities of Board of Health (BOH):

### General

- Maintain a current list of licensed day nurseries.

### Detection, investigation and identification

- Respond to requests for consultation/inspection related to Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) practices.
- Assess adherence to BOH policies, appropriate IPC practices and risk of infectious disease transmission.

# Protocol Highlights

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## Management

- Provide an annual in-service and educational resources to operators and staff regarding IPC practices.
- Assist in development and implementation of IPC programs. Examples of activities include evaluation of signs and symptoms of communicable diseases; hand hygiene; prevention of occupationally acquired infections, etc.

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## Management

- Assist in developing and maintaining policies on the following:
  - Immunization record (children and staff);
  - Exclusion of sick children, staff, parent and volunteers;
  - Reporting of cases and outbreaks of reportable diseases;
  - Management of/response to infectious disease events; and
  - Communication with parents regarding communicable diseases.

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## Inspection

- The board of health shall inspect all licensed day nurseries annually at a minimum.
- A risk-based approach shall be used to determine:
  - Priority and need for additional inspections;
  - Recommend applicable infection prevention and control measures;
  - Inspection shall assess compliance with statutory requirements; and
  - Inspections may be conducted more frequently as required.

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## Inspection

- Respond to food safety and environmental issues.
- Conduct inspections on a case by case basis in response to specific complaints by the public, or risks which have been identified.

## Enforcement

- Respond to findings of inspections, including orders issued by the MOH/Public Health Inspector (PHI) under sections 13 and 22 of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* (HPPA).

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## Data Collection and Information Transfer

- Maintain a record of all inspections conducted.
- Review findings of inspections to identify epidemiological/ disease trends to inform future education and response activities and to develop corrective actions.

## Cross References

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- Food Safety Protocol, 2008
- Immunization Management Protocol, 2008
- Risk Assessment and Inspection of Facilities Protocol, 2008

## Supporting Documentation

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- Development of an Infection Prevention and Control Best Practices document for Licensed Day Nurseries in collaboration with health unit stakeholders (2009).

## Questions & Answers

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- Q: Why is this Protocol only limited to Day Nurseries and not other high-risk settings?  
A: Other high-risk settings, such as long-term care homes and personal services settings, are addressed in other Protocols.
- Any additional questions?

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