

## Children's Circle Montessori School

### Outbreak Policy

Children's Circle Montessori School makes every effort to keep its students and staff healthy and maintain a healthy environment through the implementation and compliance of our Outbreak Policy. It is based on current recommendations from Peel Public Health.

An outbreak may exist when, taking into account normal seasonal variations, a greater than expected number of children and staff have similar symptoms (fever, diarrhea, vomiting, rash, respiratory symptoms) and are ill or absent due to illness in a given period of time.

The following actions will be taken if an outbreak is suspected:

- Children's Circle Montessori School will determine how many staff and children have similar symptoms (for example: fever, diarrhea, vomiting, rash, respiratory symptoms)
- Suspicions will be reported to Peel Public Health
  - Peel Public Health will determine whether an outbreak exists and what follow-up measures are needed
- Children's Circle Montessori School will emphasize proper hand hygiene for all children and staff
- All materials, furniture and equipment will be sanitized with the appropriate sanitizing solution
  - This is in addition to the regular Sanitation Practices
- Children's Circle Montessori School will communicate with parents/guardians regarding the illness/outbreak based on Peel Public Health's recommendations. Parents/Guardians will be advised of the importance of keeping ill children at home to prevent others from getting ill.

Peel Public Health has three major roles in investigating an outbreak:

1. To provide advice regarding the illness, signs/symptoms, how it spreads, contagious periods, reducing risks and measures to control the outbreak.
2. To bring the outbreak under control by coordinating the communication between Children's Circle Montessori School and Peel Public Health. To monitor the progress of the outbreak and arrange for lab testing (if appropriate).
3. To advise Children's Circle Montessori School of the potential exclusion of ill staff and/or children, to ensure Children's Circle Montessori School follows specific outbreak control measures and to close the school (in extreme situations).