

Step 1 Essential Trainings

Preventing and Managing Infectious Diseases in Early Education and Child Care



Checklist of Practice

Always	Sometimes	Not Yet	Caregiver Strategies: What they look like in practice
			1. Use published guides, such as <i>Managing Infectious Diseases in Child Care and Schools</i> , to share information with families and other program staff.
			2. Conduct daily health checks with every child.
			3. Develop clearly defined policies to prevent and manage infectious diseases.
			4. Share programs related to preventing and managing infectious diseases with families and staff, update policies as needed.
			5. Store all bedding away from the sleep surface of another child's bedding.
			6. Wash all bedding uses by different children.
			7. Separate sleeping children by at least 3 feet.
			8. Use sanitary food handling practices: clean (hands and surface), separate (don't contaminate); cook (to proper temperature); and chill (refrigerate perishables promptly).
			9. Check vaccine records as part of intake, match vaccine records to immunization registries, and track vaccines due during the year.
			10. Post pictures to remind everyone of how and when to wash their hands.
			11. Make sinks, soap, and towels available, and have a regular routine for hand washing.
			12. Use consistent, same age, groupings whenever possible.
			13. Have enough diaper changing and toileting areas so that they do not need to be shared by groups.
			14. Follow proper diapering procedures for every diaper change in the child care setting.
			15. When handling blood and other potentially infectious fluids follow the directions established by the CDC.