



# Karoonda Preschool Exclusion Policy

## Policy statement

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Infections with or without illness are common in children. When children spend time in preschool or other facilities and are exposed to a large number of children for some time, infectious diseases spread. Children and adults who are infected, need to be away from the centre for the safety of others.

## Schedule of Exclusion

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**The exclusion period is the minimum period to be away from the centre.**

**CHICKEN POX** - Incubation period 14 days. Exclude until crusts have separated from blisters.

**CONJUNCTIVITIS** - Exclude until the discharge from eyes has stopped unless doctor has diagnosed as a non-infectious conjunctivitis

**COXACIE** - Exclude until the spots of rash disappears.

**DIARRHOEA** - Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours. The Centre reserves the right to ask that a child be removed immediately after two consecutive diarrhea motions.

**HEAD LICE** - Exclude until effective treatment has been given and hair is free from nits and eggs.

**HIGH TEMPERATURE** - It is advisable to keep your child at home for a least 24 hours following any illness involving high temperature to ensure that the condition has abated before the child returns to the Centre.

**INFECTIOUS HEPATITIS** - Incubation period of 14-60 days. Exclude until a medical certificate of recovery is produced.

**MEASLES** - Incubation period of 10-14 days. Exclude 14 days from appearance of rash.

**MENINGITIS** - Exclude until medical certificate of recovery is produced.

**MUMPS** - Incubation period is 18 days. Exclude until symptoms have subsided.

**RUBELLA (German Measles)** - Incubation period 18 days. Exclude at least seven days from the appearance of the rash.

**SCABIES** - Exclude until medical certificate of recovery is produced.

**SCARLET FEVER** - Exclude until medical certificate of recovery is produced.

**SCHOOL SORES** - Exclude until sores are healed.

**TINEA** - Not excluded if lesions are on a part of body that can be covered.

**THRUSH** - Exclude until medical certificate of recovery is produced.

**URTI (Upper Respiratory Tract Infection)** - Probably the most common condition suffered by small children. Exclude until symptoms subside and while on medication.

**VOMITING** - The Centre reserves the right to request collection of a child who has vomited twice.

**WHOOPING COUGH** - Incubation period of 7-14 days. Exclude for four weeks or until medical certificate of recovery is produced.

Some diseases require a medical certificate before the child or adult can be readmitted to the centre. These diseases are diphtheria, hepatitis A, polio, tuberculosis, typhoid and paratyphoid.

## **Sources**

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- *Staying Healthy in Childcare-Commonwealth Dept of Health & family Services*
- *National Health & Medical Research Council*

NQS Standard: 2.1.4

National Regulations: 77, 85, 86, 88, 90, 91

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