Dealing with Infectious Diseases Procedures

Standard Practices to be used at all times, in all work settings, by all employees, volunteers, children and students, to the best of their capability.

Practices include:

- Good hygiene practices, particularly:
  - Washing and drying hands before and after contact with contaminated objects such as changing of children, toileting, nappy changing, administering first aid, etc.
  - Washing and drying hands before and after eating.
- Using protective barriers which can include gloves and masks when appropriate. For example changing children, changing nappies, administering first aid, etc.
- Safe handling of sharps.
- Use of sterile techniques.
- Promotion of Immunization
- Exclusion of children when they are ill and/or have an infectious disease.
- Refer to the ‘You’ve Got What?’ Handbook for further information about infectious diseases such parent fact sheets and exclusion periods. This kept in the white basket on the Kitchen Bench.
- Information to be given to parents when an infectious disease has been identified at the centre.
- Infectious Disease Poster to be displayed when an infectious disease has been identified.