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## 1. Purpose

To ensure infection control procedures have been developed to reduce the transmission of infections and subsequent illnesses, by adopting practices which minimise the risk to both educators and participants attending YMCA services or programs. All educators, volunteers, participants, families and guardians need to work together to take precautions which minimise the risk to all parties, and to help stop the spread of infections and diseases.

## 2. Scope


The scope of this policy applies to all Board members, Sub Committee members, educators and volunteers. This policy applies to all YMCA Member Associations. For the purposes of this document, we refer to these as the YMCA. All Policies and Procedures must conform to this policy.

## 3. Policy Statement

The approved provider must take reasonable steps to prevent the spread of infectious diseases at the service, and ensure that the parent/guardian, authorised nominee or emergency contact of each child enrolled at the service is notified of the occurrence of an infectious disease as soon as possible. The service has a duty of care to ensure that everyone attending the service is provided with a high level of protection during the hours that the service is in operation.

## 4. Roles and Responsibilities

Department / Area	Role / Responsibility
Children's Services Management	<p>Is responsible for the development, monitoring, and review of the policy and related systems, ensuring content meets all legislated requirements.</p> <p>To facilitate policy awareness to all educators on the appropriate implementation and use of the policy.</p>

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Responsible Persons	<p>Nominated supervisor/service management will oversee the implementation and service adherence of the policy.</p> <p>Nominated supervisor/person with management and control will seek individual community feedback and facilitate an active consultation process with service users as appropriate.</p> <p>Is responsible for addressing any instance of non-compliance with this policy and implementing strategies to help prevent non-compliance with this policy.</p> <p>Responsible for ensuring suitable resources and support systems to enable compliance with this policy.</p> <p>Drive the consultation process and provide leadership and advice on the continuous improvement of the policy.</p>
All employees, volunteers & students	<p>Responsible for meeting the requirements outlined in this policy.</p> <p>Responsible for raising concerns or complaints in accordance with this policy.</p>

## 5. Definitions

### Infectious Diseases


A disease that can be spread, for example, by air, water or interpersonal contact.

## 6. Key Relevant Documents

- Education and Early Childhood Services (Registration and Standards) Act 2011
- Education and Care Services National Regulations (2011 SI 653)
- South Australian Public Health Act 2011
- Work Health and Safety Act 2012
- Children's Services Act 1985
- Staying Healthy in Child Care (6<sup>th</sup> Edition)
- Dealing with Infectious Diseases Procedure

## 7. Monitoring Evaluation and Review

This policy will be reviewed every two years or earlier for reasonable cause or upon the request of the YMCA South Australia Board.

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## 8. Version History

Version	Date	Description of changes	Effective Date	Review Date
2.0	12/07/2023	Removed interstate references. Updated legislative and industry requirements. Updated document name. Added procedure reference.	12/08/2023	July 2025
3.0	26/05/2025	Updated to reflect 6 <sup>th</sup> edition of staying healthy in childcare.	26/05/2025	May 2027