



Communicable Disease Prevention

Child care environments are high risk settings for the spread of illnesses. Children in child care:

- have underdeveloped immune systems
- may not have received all of their vaccinations
- are in close physical contact for extended periods of time
- are still learning hygienic behaviors

The combination of many of the above variables in one environment leads to diseases being able to spread easily and quickly in child care settings.

The Snohomish Health District Communicable Disease Outreach program staff members are available to assist child care providers in the challenge of preventing illness and maintaining sanitary child care environments.

Phone and On-Site Consultation Topics

- Reportable Disease Control
- Outbreak Investigation
- Health Policy Review
- Illness Prevention Practices
- Exclusion Policies
- Safe Food Preparation
- Cleaning and Sanitizing
- Immunization Reviews
- Staff In-service Training
- Pet Policies
- Handwashing Lessons
- ... and more!



Distance Learning Courses

No Cost
2 STARS credits each

How do I register?

Registration is open to those who live or work in Snohomish County. Email your full name and the course or courses you wish to take to:

childcarehealth@snohd.org

On the class start date we will email the course materials and detailed instructions to you. You will have until the end of the month to complete the course and mail it back to us. Courses are designed to take approximately 2 hours each.

2012 Class Schedule

Start date	Title	Register by:
Jan. 1 st	Managing Illness in Child Care	Dec. 31 st
Feb. 1 st	Preventing Foodborne Illnesses in Child Care Settings	Jan. 31 st
Mar. 1 st New	Pertussis: What Child Care Providers Should Know	Feb. 26 th
April 1 st	Lice Aren't Nice	Mar. 31 st
May 1 st	Preventing Diseases from Animals in Child Care Settings	April 30 th
June 1 st New	MRSA and Staph Infections	May 31 st
July 1 st	Preventing Reportable Illness	June 30 th
Aug. 1 st	Immunizations: Protecting Child Care Providers and Children	July 31 st
Sept. 1 st	Teaching Illness Prevention to Young Children	Aug. 31 st
Oct. 1 st New	Common Childhood Illnesses	Sept. 30 th
Nov. 1 st	Gerbusters	Oct. 31 st
Dec. 1 st	Pandemic Flu Preparedness for Child Care Providers	Nov. 30 th

Communicable Disease Outreach Program Resources



Website:

www.snohd.org/shd_ch/childcarehealth.aspx

What you can find on our website:

- Disease fact sheets
- Disease exposure parent letters
- Lesson plans for teaching illness prevention to young children
- STARS class schedule
- Health policy templates
- Child care health brochures
- Illness and diaper logs

And much more....

Check it Out!

Illness Prevention Education Kit

Kit includes: Glo-Germ™ box, illness prevention information, lesson plans, books, and puppets. Borrow it from VOA/Child Care Resource and Referral at: 2801 Lombard Ave. Everett, WA 98201 425.258.4213

Communicable Disease Outreach Program Contact Information

Email:

childcarehealth@snohd.org

Phone:

Main line: **425.339.5278**

Public Health Nurse
Alba Suárez **425.339.5228**

Environmental Health Specialist
Micha Horn.....**425.339.8712**

Snohomish Health District Mission Statement

To improve the health of individuals, families and communities through disease prevention, health promotion, and protection from environmental threats.

PUBLIC HEALTH
ALWAYS WORKING FOR A SAFER AND HEALTHIER SNOHOMISH COUNTY

CD_ServicesforChildCares_1111_mhas



Services for Child Cares

Communicable Disease Prevention Assistance



SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT
WWW.SNOHD.ORG