
Managing Communicable Diseases: Ten Steps to Consider

Key to Activity 3

In Relation to . . .

The Ill Child:

1. Observe the child.
2. Assess the child: Is she too sick to attend? What care does she need?
3. Care for the child.
4. Document the symptoms and actions taken.

The Parent:

5. Call the parent: Explain your observations and actions, assessment of how sick the child is, the need for her to go home, the need for medical evaluation and treatment, and when to return to the program.

Health Professionals:

6. Call the program's health consultant or the child's health care provider (with parents' permission) with questions.
7. Call emergency medical services for severe illness.
8. Call the health department for reportable diseases.

The Program—Staff and Other Children and Families:

9. Follow infection control measures to prevent the spread of disease.
10. Notify parents and staff about exposure to certain communicable diseases. Monitor other children and staff for illness.