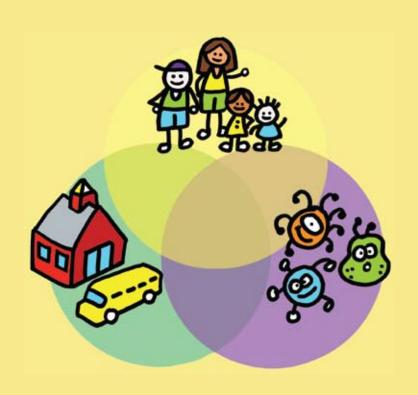
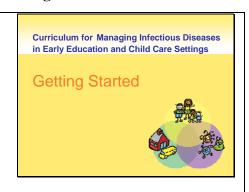
Curriculum for Managing Infectious Diseases in Early Education and Child Care Settings

GETTING STARTED



#1 Welcome and Introductions

- Instructor should introduce her- or himself and then call on the participants to raise their hands according to their role in child care (teacher/caregiver, director, supervisor, child care health consultant, any other).
- Ask participants by raising hands if they previously have had some
 education about infectious diseases in child care. This will allow the
 instructor to have a better idea of the knowledge level of the group.



#2 Participant Exercise

- Give token prizes (eg, pencils, stickers, brochures, etc) to everyone who completes the scavenger hunt.
- Instruct participants to take the pre-assessment under Getting Started of the Participant's Manual while others finish the scavenger hunt and collect their prizes.
- Wait for all participants to complete the pre-assessment and hand it in before reviewing the scavenger hunt exercise in the next slide.

Manual Materials

- Scavenger Hunt
- Pre-assessment

(1 minute)

#3 Lecture

- **Review** a few of the topics listed in the scavenger hunt boxes to reinforce why they are relevant to today's talk.
- Each item is an important factor in the spread of infectious diseases or in preventing the spread.
- Examples:
 - Cares for infants: Infants have immature immune systems and are more vulnerable to some infections.
 - Prepares food: Foodborne illness is a common way to spread infection. Items such as eggs, meat, and dairy products need to be handled carefully to ensure they are safe to eat.
 - Checks vaccine records: Immunization is a mainstay of defense in the battle against infectious diseases for both children and caretakers/teachers.
 - Cleans up after meals: Saliva can contain infectious organisms that spread disease. Eating utensils need to be cleaned well.
 - Changes diapers: Stool carries lots of germs and using proper technique when changing diapers can prevent outbreaks of certain diseases.
 - Performs daily health check: The daily health check is a way to evaluate children each day as they come into the program to determine how they are doing.
 - Stays home when sick: Exclude ill people from the group when science shows that it matters to reduce the spread of bad germs.
 - Up to date on vaccines: Child care policies should require that children and adults are up to date with vaccines, including the annual flu vaccine, and that child care staff check for up-to-date status at enrollment and hiring, as well as track vaccines that children will need during the year.
 - Washes hands after helping with toileting: Hands should be washed after diapering and toileting when hands
 are likely to touch body fluids, even if gloves are worn. Gloves reduce the contact with germs, but all gloves
 allow some germs through.
- All of these topics will be discussed in this presentation.

(5 minutes)





#4 Lecture

- **Module structure:** There will be 3 modules:
 - Understanding Infectious Diseases
 - Preventing Infectious Diseases
 - Recognizing and Managing Infectious Diseases
 - We will try to break between modules.
- Timeline: The proposed time to cover the material allows all the content on the slides to be mentioned. The instructor's notes offer a variety of detail. Instructors should select from the notes the details that match the sophistication, interests and time available to conduct the course for each group they teach. The times suggested for individual slides or activities are the minimum times required to present the material. When time and the interest of the group warrants, plan to spend more time on them.
- Session Plan

 Module structure

 Timeline
 Participation
 Parking lot for questions that can't be answered immediately
 Housekeeping
 Complete the pre-assessment

- Getting Started: 8 minutes
- Module 1: 38 minutes
- Module 2: 64 minutes
- Module 3: 81 minutes
- Wrap Up: 28 minutes
- **Participation:** This curriculum is designed to be interactive, with lots of opportunity for discussion and activities. Everyone is expected to participate.
- Parking lot: We will try to stay on time, so there will be a "parking lot" for questions that cannot be answered
 immediately.
 - **Instructor:** Make sure you have a flip chart dedicated to parking lot questions.
- Housekeeping: Location of restrooms, break times, name tags, etc.
- Pre-assessment: Please complete and submit the pre-assessment under Getting Started in the Participant's Manual.

Manual Materials

Pre-assessment

(<1 minute)

#5

#6

Objectives

- By the end of this curriculum, participants will be able to:

- Identify ways infectious diseases are spread

- Discuss ways to reduce the risk of infectious diseases including good hygiene, immunization, environmental controls, and healthy lifestyle

- List the actions involved in conducting a daily health check

- Identify criteria for exclusion from child care and explain the rationale behind it

Best Practices and Regulations

Today we will be discussing best practices. Not all of these practices will be required by regulation in this state.

 Best practices are developed from research and expert opinion

State standards and regulations
 May differ from national recommen

maintain licensure in your state Best practice often exceeds state

You must follow state regulation to

Caring for Our Children

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HEALTHY FUTURES

(<1 minute)

- Caring for Our Children¹ (CFOC) is a joint publication of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the American Public Health Association, and the National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education.
- CFOC was developed by bringing together leaders in the field of child care
 to review the literature and develop standards that are based on research,
 knowledge, and experience. Each standard is supported with references and
 a rationale. Many groups of people in the fields of child care, health, and
 public health contribute to the review of the standards.
- The second edition is quoted in this curriculum, but the third edition is in progress and should be published in 2011. Substitute new wording when the third edition is available.
- An online version of *CFOC* can be viewed at the National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education Web site (http://nrckids.org/*CFOC*/index.html) or print copies can be obtained through the AAP, the American Public Health Association, the National Association for the Education of Young Children, or from Redleaf Press.
- State standards and regulations are developed by the state regulatory agency. State standards may apply to graduated recognition systems or may be used as a regulatory tool. Regulations are the minimum performance required to operate legally. They must be followed even if they are not up to date. Performance may exceed the threshold set by regulation. The process for developing standards and regulations varies from state to state. There is no requirement for states to base

Getting Started: Instructor's Notes



Getting Started

References

 American Academy of Pediatrics, American Public Health Association, National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education. Caring for Our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards: Guidelines for Out-of-Home Child Care Programs. 2nd ed. Elk Grove Village, IL: American Academy of Pediatrics; 2002. Also available at http://nrckids.org (Slide 6)





Scavenger Hunt

- Introduce yourself to others in the room.
- Find a person in the group who fits 1 of the descriptions and get that person's initials next to the description.
- Each person should just sign 1 box, even if she does more than 1 activity.
- Let the instructor know when you have found all the items .

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Cleans up after meals	Changes diapers	Performs daily health check
Stays home when sick	Up-to-date on vaccines	Washes hands after helping with toileting



Name	State	Date
Caregiver/teacher	Health Professional	Other

Curriculum for Managing Infectious Diseases in Early Education and Child Care Settings Pre-assessment

Instructions: Circle the letter of the choice that best complements the statement or answers the question

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- 1. Viruses should be treated with antibiotics.
 - a. True
 - b. False
- 2. Children who attend child care are less likely to have antibiotic resistant ear infections and have tubes placed.
 - a. True
 - b. False
- 3. Children who attend child care are more resistant to infections after their first year of attendance.
 - a. True
 - b. False
- 4. The most important surface to clean to avoid spread of disease is our hands.
 - a. True
 - b. False
- 5. Children's immune systems:
 - a. Get stronger as they are exposed to infectious diseases
 - b. Get weaker when they are exposed to infectious diseases
 - c. Are not affected by infectious diseases



MODULE 2: Preventing Infectious Diseases

- 6. Mixing children from different groups together when staffing is short in the morning and late afternoon spreads infection from group to group.
 - a. True
 - b. False

7. Which of the following is the best answer for how to reduce the number of germs in child care settings?

- a. Circulate fresh outdoor air, use right-size flushing toilets, wash hands, and clean and sanitize surfaces that have been in contact with body fluids
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- a. The program's policy on caring for ill children
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Curriculum for Managing Infectious Diseases in Early Education and Child Care Settings Pre-assessment and Answer Key

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