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To: Preschool and Day Care Center Providers  
Day Care Home Providers  
Elementary and Secondary School Health Personnel and Teachers  
Parents and Guardians

From: Contra Costa Public Health Department  
Communicable Disease Programs

Subject: Communicable Disease Guide for Schools and Child Care Settings

This revised guide provides current information on selected communicable diseases and nuisance conditions commonly encountered in day care and school settings. Section 5 has fact sheets on communicable diseases, pandemic flu and nuisance conditions such as head lice. If you prefer to search by symptom, see the resources in Section 6.

A list of reportable diseases is found in Section 4 with a notation on how and to whom to report each disease. Nuisance conditions, such as head lice and bed bugs, do not have to be reported to Communicable Disease (CD) Programs. However, a scabies *outbreak* should be reported.

CD Programs of the Public Health Department is available as a resource for information about communicable diseases, disease outbreak control, immunization requirements and clinic schedules. CD Programs should be consulted regarding exclusion criteria and clearance requirements for return to daycare/school/work. Selected pamphlets and fact sheets are available upon request. We hope that this revised guide continues to be useful to you and we welcome your feedback on how the next version might be improved.

For disease reporting and general information, call Communicable Disease Programs at (925) 313-6740. For immunization information, call the Immunization Program at (925) 313-6767. The county website at <http://cchealth.org/cd/> provides current information on communicable diseases, including downloadable information on school preparedness for pandemic flu, and links to other public health resources.

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