

## **Communicable Disease Control**

### POLICY:

Head Start staff will lower the risk of spreading communicable diseases through preventive health practices and appropriate reporting procedures.

*. This policy relates to Head Start Performance Standards 45 CFR Part 1304.22*

### PROCEDURE:

1. All children will have a signed Childhood Immunization Certificate indicating that all required immunizations are current and up-to-date. (see Immunizations policy)
2. All staff and regular volunteers have an initial health exam and/or tuberculosis screening. Each Delegate program will follow their local Board of Education policy.
3. Adults and children will wash their hands with soap and running water regularly. (see Hand Washing policy)
4. All classroom surfaces are cleaned and disinfected regularly with a solution of one part household bleach to ten parts water or otherwise appropriate disinfectant.
5. All cloth items used by children will be laundered on a weekly basis. If a documented case of lice or scabies occur, the items will be laundered prior to the next day of class.
6. Toothbrushes are stored in an appropriate holder with brushes upright, and not touching each other. (see Tooth Brushing policy)
7. If a child is ill, or appears to have a communicable disease, measures are taken to prevent the spread of disease by keeping the child isolated from others, but under adult supervision, while contacting the parent(s) or emergency contact person. (see Exclusion policy)
8. Staff who have had direct contact with a person who has a communicable disease will be instructed in the use of universal precautions. (see Blood Borne Pathogen Control Plan policy)