



Resources

There are a wide variety of resources available on the Internet, and through organizations here in PA to assist you in developing and implementing exclusion policies that are aligned with PA regulations and best practice recommendations.

Caring For Our Children, 3rd Ed.
<http://nrckids.org/CFOC3/>

Model Child Care Health Policies, 4th Ed.
<http://www.ecels-healthychildcarepa.org/content/MHP4thEd%20Total.pdf>

The Pennsylvania Code
<http://www.pacode.com/index.html>

Healthy Futures America – Participant Manual for: Managing Infectious Diseases
<http://www.healthychildcare.org/ParticipantsManualID.html>

Caring For Our Children, 3rd Edition has a wealth of resources. All of the information in this reference is available online, and free of charge. Chapters 3 and 7 as well as Appendix A are particularly relevant to the topic of exclusion.

Model Child Care Health Policies, 4th Edition includes sample exclusion policies and disease reporting. The appendix includes sample parent letters regarding exposure to a communicable disease. It is available online and free of charge on the Healthy Child Care PA / ECELS website.

Healthy Child Care America's website includes free access to their *Managing Infectious Diseases* curriculum. The appendix to their participant manual includes sample letters for informing families about a child's exposure to an infectious disease.

ECELS offers Pennsylvania child care programs in the Keystone STARS initiative free telephone based assistance on an array of health related topics. You can call to speak with a nurse to clarify concerns that you might have regarding exclusion decisions. **800-24- ECELS (32357)**

Child Care Health Consultants offer support (on-site, via e-mail, or by phone) to programs enrolled in Keystone STARS through STARS Technical Assistance ~ contact your Regional Key or STARS Manager for more information.

PA Department of Health maintains offices throughout the Commonwealth. You can contact your local office for questions regarding exclusion, questions about outbreaks of communicable disease, and to learn more about reportable diseases in PA.