



The Lee Wiggins Childcare Centre HUMAN BITING INCIDENT POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Policy Statement

The Lee Wiggins Childcare Centre (LWCC) is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for children, families and employees. LWCC will take every reasonable precaution to prevent the risk of injury and infectious disease within the Centre.

Purpose

To ensure that all employees are aware of and adhere to the directive established by Toronto Public Health (TPH) when dealing with human biting incidents at the LWCC.

This policy applies to all employees, students, and any other persons engaged in business with the LWCC.

Procedures

When a human biting incident occurs, employees must follow the procedures outlined below:

If The Skin Was Not Broken

1. Perform hand hygiene and put on gloves.
2. Clean the wound carefully with soap and water, apply a cold compress.
3. Dispose gloves and perform hand hygiene.
4. Put on clean gloves and rinse the biter's mouth with water. Dispose of gloves and perform hand hygiene.
5. Contact the parents/guardians of those involved in the incident and advise them to contact their health care provider regarding post-exposure advice; remember to keep information confidential regarding the biter/bitee's identity. Inform the parents if the other child's immunization is up to date without releasing the identity of the other child. Complete an accident report and log information into log book per CCEYA requirements.

If The Skin Was Broken

1. Perform hand hygiene and put on gloves.
2. Observe both children to see if there is any blood involved.
3. If there is blood, allow the wound to bleed gently without squeezing.
4. Clean the wound carefully with soap and water, apply a cold compress if appropriate.
5. Dispose gloves and perform hand hygiene.
6. Put on clean gloves and rinse the biter's mouth with water. Dispose of gloves and perform hand hygiene.
7. If it is known that either child has hepatitis B, C or HIV, report the incident to TPH immediately and ensure the confidentiality of the children and families.
8. Contact the parents/guardians of those involved in the incident and advise them to contact their health care provider regarding post-exposure advice. Remember to keep information confidential regarding the biter/bitee's identity. Inform the parents if the other child's immunization is up to date without releasing the identity of the other child. Complete an accident report and log information into log book as per CCEYA requirements.



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If employees or parents have questions or require additional information when a biting incident occurs, please contact the TPH Bloodborne Disease team at 416-338-8400 or CDCBloodborne@toronto.ca.

Policy and Procedure Review

This policy and procedure will be reviewed and signed off by all employees and students prior to commencing employment/unpaid placement at the LWCC and annually thereafter and at any time where a change is made.

Reference(s): Toronto Public Health Guidance Document 2017

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