



QSLA Statement on Communicable Illnesses

HOW TO WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP CHILDREN AND STAFF HEALTHY AND SAFE

Due to the recent public health issues regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19), QSLA realizes that many early learning programs and QSLA staff may have questions about ensuring the health and safety of everyone who enters their program. As QSLA staff travel to multiple sites each week, the following procedures are vital to ensuring the safety of the children and staff in your programs. While we recognize that Coronavirus is on everyone's mind, this statement applies to any communicable illness outbreak* at any program participating in QSLA.

QSLA Programs

- Please take the necessary preventative measures to reduce the spread of respiratory and other viruses as identified in the [guide provided by Los Angeles County Department of Public Health](#).
- Notify your QSLA team, including all coaches, supervisors, technical assistants, or assessors, **as soon as** you are aware of an outbreak* of any type of communicable illness (i.e. coronavirus, flu, fifth disease (parvovirus B19), hand-foot-and-mouth (coxsackievirus), etc.) among staff, children, or families at the program.

QSLA Coaching Expectations

- QSLA will ensure all staff adhere to guidance given by Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and/or the Centers for Disease Control related to communicable illness.
- QSLA coaches are requested to not visit any assigned sites if they feel ill or have been diagnosed with a communicable illness.
- If a QSLA program contacts their QSLA Coach regarding an illness outbreak at their site, QSLA has informed its coaches that they are not to report to that site to conduct regular coaching visits until the outbreak has ended and the program notifies the coach.
- Instead of conducting in-person visits during an illness outbreak at a site, coaches and QSLA participants will have the option of conducting regularly scheduled visits via phone or video call to ensure continuity of coaching services.

**According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), an outbreak is the occurrence of more cases of a disease than would normally be expected in a specific place or group of people over a given period of time.*