Diagnosis-based Case 1

You are the director of a center-based program. The third child in the past 2 weeks was just excluded from the toddler room for bloody diarrhea. The first 2 were diagnosed with shigella. They were treated and allowed back in the program after being cleared by their doctor. You just learned that 1 of your child care staff members who prepares the lunch each day has been coming to work despite having stomach cramps and diarrhea. You feel you have a major problem on your hands.

Take 5 minutes to discuss and write down your answers. You should try to look up the American Academy of Pediatrics' policies in Caring for Our Children or Managing Infectious Disease in Child Care and Schools.

Questions to consider:

What are your responsibilities to the affected child, the other children, and the child care staff?

When should you notify other parents or guardians?

When should you require a health visit?

When should you notify the health consultant or health department?

What do you think about the AAP policy on shigella?

Why is this policy stricter than other policies?
Diagnosis-based Case 2

You notice that 3-year-old Billy has been scratching his head quite a bit the last few days. You take a closer look and, in horror, note a small insect running from the lower neck into the deeper hair. Though your instinct is to run, you do look closer, and note lots of white casings at the bases of the hair follicles behind both ears and…1 more live critter. You take a deep breath and…

Take 5 minutes to discuss and write down your answers. You should try to look up the American Academy of Pediatrics’ policies in Caring for Our Children or Managing Infectious Disease in Child Care and Schools.

Questions to consider:

What are your responsibilities to the affected child, the other children, and the child care staff?

When should you notify other parents or guardians?

When should you require a health visit?

When should you notify the health consultant or health department?

What do you think about the AAP policy on lice?
**Diagnosis-based Case 3**

Sally, age 4 years, was bitten by a mosquito about a week ago. Despite your best efforts she continued to scratch at it. Today, the area of the bug bite looks worse. It is bigger, a little red, and is oozing some fluid. It doesn’t seem to hurt. Sally seems to be feeling well, participating in activities, and is not warm to touch or temperature. You remember that her mom told you that another family member had a MRSA skin infection last month.

Take 5 minutes to discuss and write down your answers. You should try to look up the American Academy of Pediatrics’ policies in *Caring for Our Children* or *Managing Infectious Disease in Child Care and Schools*.

*Questions to consider:*

What are your responsibilities to the affected child, the other children, and the child care staff?

When should you notify other parents or guardians?

When should you require a health visit?

When should you notify the health consultant or health department?

What do you think about the AAP policy on boils, abscesses, and MRSA infections?