Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC) infection guideline

Flowchart 3 for management of contacts in a childcare setting

Note: Children in this flowchart refers to children under 5 years of age

Case attends childcare setting

Attended childcare while
- symptomatic or
- asymptptomatically infected

Did not attend childcare during infectious period

No further action

Exclude symptomatic contacts. Conduct risk assessment to inform on appropriate public health management.

2nd case identified or suspected on the basis of clinical illness such as diarrhoea

No further cases identified

Consider convening an expert panel to advise on further action. Temporary closure of the facility (or part of the facility in which the cases attended) and a full clean may need to be considered in some circumstances.

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