CROSS-INFECTION MANAGEMENT CHECKLIST FOR SCHOOLS

STUDENT WITH CF ↔ STAFF MEMBER WITH CF

People with cystic fibrosis (CF) should maintain a distance of at least 4 metres, particularly indoors, to reduce the risk of sharing harmful germs and bacteria, known as cross-infection. Where more than one person with CF is part of the school community, schools and relevant individuals should work through this checklist and identify ways to manage potential cross-infection risks at school.

Consider how the 4-metre guideline can be maintained across different school settings and activities, with advice from the individual's CF care teams where required. Alongside these measures, access to good hand hygiene remains important to minimise infection and cross-infection risks.

Essential Cross-Infection Protocol

- [ ] Staff member with CF is not allocated child with CF in their classroom.
- [ ] Student and staff members with CF are not placed in regular close-contact teaching or supervision situations.

Other Areas to Consider Cross-Infection Risk

It is important to assess and manage cross-infection risks in the following school settings:

Activities & Programs

- [ ] Incursions, excursions and camps.
- [ ] Extracurricular activities e.g. school clubs, sport, choir.
- [ ] Assemblies, performances, sports carnivals and other large school events.

Shared Areas

- [ ] Library, undercover area, resource rooms, learning support areas, music/art room etc.
- [ ] Staff supervision duties at break times.
- [ ] Administration building including staff offices and sick bay.
- [ ] Shared equipment is avoided or cleaned between users, e.g. tables, equipment.
- [ ] School buses.

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Whole School Considerations

- [ ] Provide CF and cross-infection education for school staff.
- [ ] Document responsibilities and communication processes for all parties.
- [ ] Ensure access to hand hygiene for all staff, students and volunteers/visitors.
- [ ] Ensure regular cleaning of the school, particularly in shared areas.
- [ ] Consider risks associated with emergency planning e.g. evacuation and lockdown procedures.
- [ ] Review checklist annually or if there are changes to timetables or teaching allocations.
- [ ] Awareness between all parties is encouraged, with privacy and confidentiality respected.

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