

HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (various Enteroviruses, mostly Coxsackievirus)

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We have a diagnosed case of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease in the Kindergarten/Pre-Primary area. If you have any concerns, please contact your family doctor for recommendations and advice.

A common, acute, viral infection. Symptoms include fever, vesicles (blisters) in the mouth and on hands and feet. This infection is not related to the Foot and Mouth Disease found in animals.	
Transmission	Airborne or droplet; faecal-oral
Incubation Period	3 to 7 days
Infectious Period	As long as there is fluid in the vesicles. Faeces remain infectious for several weeks.
Exclusion	Exclude until vesicles have formed crusts that are dry.
Treatment	Varies according to systems.
Contacts	Do not exclude.
Immunisation	None available.