



Department of
Health

Preventing and Controlling Cryptosporidiosis at Childcare Facilities

“Crypto” outbreaks, caused by the parasite *Cryptosporidium*, can happen any time of the year. Crypto causes watery diarrhea and is easily spread among young children and their caregivers.

Crypto germs can be found in stool of an infected person or animal. When other people swallow Crypto germs, they can become infected.



Prevent the spread of Crypto by:



Implementing good diapering practices. Separate diaper-changing areas from children's play and food preparation areas.



Washing hands at key times with soap and water. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are not effective against Crypto.



Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces and objects, including (but not limited to): bathrooms, diaper-changing areas, food preparation areas, tabletops, highchairs, and toys.

For more information, please visit
<https://www.cdc.gov/cryptosporidium/prevention/>