NUTRI 320/ECE 415: Notification of Exposure to Communicable Disease Assignment

Contagious or communicable disease(s) are infectious diseases that can spread from one person to another. Concern about infectious disease in a child care setting is an everyday challenge for teachers, parents, and health professionals. Infectious diseases are illnesses caused by invasion of the body by germs – viruses, bacteria, fungi, or parasites.

When a child becomes ill, they may pass their illness on to other children, to adults who work in the program, and to families of other children and workers. This can be a burden to everyone. However, becoming ill is inevitable. In this assignment you will create a formal letter to be sent to staff and families about their exposure to a communicable disease. Each group will present their letter to the class, discuss the information provided in the letter and the rational.

Instructions:

Your letter must contain;

1. Name of Child Care Center (fictitious).
2. Address of Child Care Center (fictitious).
3. Telephone Number of Child Care Center (fictitious).
4. Date
5. Information from your research about the disease (include photos) and useful websites.
6. Information from your research about what the symptoms are.
7. Information from your research about how the disease can be prevented (best practices).
8. What the Child Care Center is doing.
9. What are the Child Care Center criteria for the infectious child to be sent home “excluded.”
10. What families can do at home.
11. What families should do if child displays any symptoms of disease.
12. What type of nutrients should families incorporate into diet.

Grading criteria will be based on:

1. Presentation (15 points) – each group member equally participating and have solid grasp of topic.
2. Research/Written work (35 points) - thoroughness of research and information provided, level of professionalism achieved, clarity of letter, and minimal grammatical errors.

Submit completed letter to the course Canvas dropbox by the due date/time.