

## **Childhood Communicable Diseases Exclusion Guidelines for School**

<b><u>Condition</u></b>	<b><u>Exclude</u></b>
Chickenpox (Varicella)	Until all blisters are dried and crusted over (usually 5-6 days after rash onset). Notify other families of risk.
Cold Sores (Herpes Simplex)	Until fever-free, child able to control drooling, blisters crusted or resolved.
Common cold	No exclusion necessary if child feels well enough to participate in activities. Must be fever-free for 24 hours.
COVID-19	Exclude for 5 days from symptom onset or if no symptoms, date of positive test. Return to school on day 6 if feeling better and fever free for 24 hours (without the use of fever reducing medication).
Diarrheal illness	Until 24 hours after last episode of diarrhea. (3 or more loose stools in a 24-hour period)
Earache	No exclusion unless fever greater than 100F
Fever	If temperature is 100F or greater. Must be fever free, without fever reducing medication, for 24 hours before returning.
Fifth's disease	No exclusion unless fever. Must be fever-free for 24 hours.
Hand, Foot and Mouth disease	None unless fever present or child cannot maintain hygiene or avoid close contact with others. Must be fever free for 24 hours
Head Lice	Until after lice treatment, school health, health department or principal verifies no live lice.
Impetigo	Until antibiotic treatment is started and lesions covered or crusted.
Influenza	Until fever free for 24 hours
Measles	Until 4 days after onset of rash. (Unvaccinated or immunocompromised contacts excluded from day 7 through day 21 after earliest exposure.)

Meningitis	Until 24 hours after appropriate antibiotic treatment started. Viral- Until fever free for 24 hours
Mononucleosis	None unless illness prevents participation. No contact sports until cleared by physician.
MRSA	Lesions must be covered. Exclude if drainage from lesions cannot be contained.
Mumps	Until 5 days after onset of parotid swelling. (Unvaccinated or immunocompromised contacts excluded from day 12 through day 25 after exposure.)
Norovirus	Until asymptotic (no diarrhea and vomiting) for 48 hours
Pertussis (whooping cough)	Until 5 days of appropriate antibiotics have been completed or 21 days after cough onset if no antibiotics are taken.
Pink eye (bacterial or viral)	No exclusion unless fever, behavior change or unable to avoid touching eyes. Antibiotics not required for return.
Pinworms	No exclusion unless diarrhea is present.
Ringworm	Student can attend school with lesion covered. Treatment is encouraged.
Roseola	Until fever-free for 24 hours.
Rotavirus	Until asymptotic (no diarrhea and vomiting) for 24 hours
Rubella	Until 7 days after rash onset. (Unvaccinated or immunocompromised contacts excluded from day 7 through day 21 after exposure.)
Scabies	Until after treatment is completed. Symptoms may persist after initiation of treatment.
Shingles	Exclude if rash cannot be covered or doubt child's ability to comply with keeping rash covered until blisters crust over.
Strep throat	Until 24 hours after antibiotic treatment and fever free.
Vomiting	Exclude if vomited more than 2 times in 24 hours and not from a known condition until vomiting is resolved and fever free.

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