

## Communicable Disease Chart

CONCISE DESCRIPTIONS AND RECOMMENDATION FOR EXCLUSION  
OF CASES FROM SCHOOL

Disease *Immunization is Available	Usual Interval Between Exposure and First Symptoms Of Disease	MAIN SYMPTOMS	Minimum Exclusion From School
CHICKENPOX	13 – 17 DAYS	Mild symptoms and fever. Pocks are “blistery.” Develop Scabs, most on covered parts of body.	7 days from onset of pocks or until pocks become dry
CONJUNCTIVITIS (PINK EYE)	24 – 72 HOURS	Tearing, redness and puffy lids, eye discharge.	Until treatment begins or physician approves readmission.
ERYTHEMIA INFECTIOSUM (5 <sup>TH</sup> DISEASE)	4 – 20 DAYS	Usual age 5 to 14-unusual in adults. Brief prodrome of low-grade fever followed by Erythemia (slapped check) appearance on cheeks, lace-like rash on extremities lasting a few days to 3 weeks. Rash seems to recur.	After diagnosis no exclusion from school.
GERMAN MEASLES (RUBELLA)*	14-23 DAYS	Usually mild. Enlarged glands in neck and behind ears. Brief red rash.	7 days from onset of rash. Keep away from pregnant women.
HAEMOPHILUS MENINGITIS	2-4 DAYS	Fever, vomiting, lethargy, stiff neck and back.	Until physician permits return.
HEPATITIS A	VARIABLE 15-50 (average 28-30days)	Abdominal pain, nausea, usually fever. Skin and eyes may or may not turn yellow.	14 days from onset of clinical disease and at least 7 days from onset of jaundice.
IMPETIGO	1-3 DAYS	Inflamed sores, with puss.	48 hours after antibiotic therapy started or until physician permits return.
MEASLES*	10 DAYS TO FEVER 14 DAYS TO RASH	Begins with fever, conjunctivitis, runny nose, cough, then blotchy red rash.	4 days form onset of rash.
MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS	2-10 DAYS	Headache, nausea, stiff neck, fever.	Until physician permits return.
MUMPS*	12-25 DAYS	Fever, swelling and tenderness of glands at angle of jaw.	9 days after onset of swollen glands or until swelling disappears.
PEDICULOSIS (HEAD/BODY LICE)	7 DAYS FOR EGGS TO HATCH	Lice and nits (eggs) in hair.	24 hours after adequate treatment to kill lice and nits.
RINGWORM OF SCALP	10-14 DAYS	Scaly patch, usually ring shaped, on scalp.	No exclusion from school. Exclude from gymnasium, swimming pools, contact sports.
SCABIES	2-6 WEEKS INITIAL EXPOSURE; 1-4 DAYS REEXPOSURE	Tinny burrows in skin caused by mites.	Until 24 hours after treatment.
SCARLET FEVER SCARLATINA STREP THROAT	1-3 DAYS	Sudden onset, vomiting, sore throat, fever, later fine rash (not on face). Rash usually with first infection.	24 hours after antibiotics started and no fever
WHOOPING COUGH* (PERTUSSIS)	7-10 DAYS	Head Cold, slight fever, cough, characteristic whoop after 2 weeks	5 days after start of antibiotic treatment

Readmission to School-It is advisable that school authorities require written permission from the health officer, school physician or attending physician before any pupil is readmitted to class following any disease which requires exclusion, no mere absence, from school.

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