

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CHART

Code No. 504.2-E (1)

CONCISE DESCRIPTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXCLUSION OF CASES FROM SCHOOL

DISEASE *Immunization is available	Usual Interval Between Exposure and First Symptoms	Main Symptoms	Minimum Exclusion From School
CHICKEN POX*	13 to 17 days	Mild symptoms and fever. Pocks are "blistery;" Develop scabs, most on covered part of body	5 days from onset of pocks or until pocks become dry
CONJUNCTIVITIS (Pink Eye)	24 to 72 hours	Tearing, redness and puffy lids, eye discharge	Until treatment begins or physician approves readmission
ERYTHEMIA INFECTIOSUM (5 th DISEASE)	4 to 20 days	Usual age 5 to 14 years – unusual in adults. Brief prodrome of low-grade fever followed by Erythemia (slapped cheek) appearance on cheeks, lace-like rash on extremities lasting a few days to 3 weeks. Rash seems to reoccur.	After diagnosis no exclusion from school.
GERMAN MEASLES* (RUBELLA)	14 to 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 to 4 days	Fever, vomiting, lethargy, stiff neck and back	Until physician permits return
HEPATITIS A* (average 28 to 30 days)	Variable – 15 to 50	Abdominal pains, nausea, usually fever. Skin and eyes may or may not turn yellow.	7 days from onset of symptoms
IMPETIGO	4 to 10 days	Inflamed sores, with pus.	Cover lesions when attending school or daycare

MEASLES*	3 to 7 days to rash	Begins with fever, conjunctivitis, runny nose, cough, then blotchy red rash	4 days from onset of rash
MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS*	2 to 10 (commonly 3 to 4 days)	Headache, nausea, stiff neck, fever.	Antibiotics for 24 hours or until physician permits return
MUMPS*	12 to 25 (commonly 18 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.	None
RINGWORM OF SCALP	10 to 14 days	Scaly patch, usually ring shaped, on scalp.	No exclusion from school. Excluded from gymnasium, swimming pools, contact sports
SCABIES	2 to 6 weeks initial exposure; 1 to 4 days re-exposure	Tiny burrows in skin caused by mites.	After first treatment
SCARLET FEVER SCARLATINA STREP THROAT	1 to 3 days	Sudden onset, vomiting, sore throat, fever, later fine rash (not on face). Rash usually only with first infection.	24 hours after antibiotics started and no fever.
WHOOPING COUGH* (PERTUSSIS)	6 to 20 days	Head cold, slight fever, cough, characteristic whoop after about 2 weeks.	5 days after start of antibiotic treatment