

Communicable disease chart:	Symptoms	Exclusion criteria
Chickenpox (Varicella)	Skin rash progressing to blisters then scabs. Eruptions occur in crops and all three stages may occur simultaneously. Body areas that are commonly covered by clothing are most often affected. Slight fever and malaise are also common.	Exclude until 6 th day after onset of rash or until all lesions (sores) are crusted over and have scabs (cannot return with moist sores)
Common Cold	Sore throat, watery discharge from nose and eyes, sneezing, fever, chills, and generalized discomfort.	Exclude if he/she has a fever of 100.0° or greater or feels ill. Student can return to school when fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine like Acetaminophen or Ibuprofen.
Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)	Redness of eye or eyelid, thick and purulent (pus) discharge, matted eyelashes, burning, itching, or eye pain.	Exclude students with purulent (pus) discharge, eye pain, eyelid redness, or fever until student has received 24 hours of antibiotic treatment
Croup	Acute respiratory infection involving the epiglottis, larynx, trachea, and bronchi. May cause respiratory distress from mild to severe. Cough has a “barking” or “brassy” harsh quality. May notice a high pitch sound upon inhalation.	Exclude until severe symptoms are gone
Diarrheal Diseases	3 or more loose stools (stools with increased water content and/or decreased form) in a 24 hour period. May have additional symptoms like vomiting, nausea, stomachaches, fever, or headache	Exclude until diarrhea free for 24 hours or the student has been evaluated medically to be non-infectious and can be contained.

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Fifth disease (Erythema Infectiosum)	Bright red rash usually begins on the face, “slapped-cheek” appearance. Spreads to trunk and extremities, clears centrally looking “lacy”. Generally clears in 1 week may reoccur if person gets warm, upset, etc. for up to 1 month.	Exclusion not necessary once diagnosis is known unless student has a fever or is uncomfortable. By the time the student has a rash, the infection has passed.
Flu (Influenza)	Abrupt onset of fever, chills, headache, sore muscles. Runny nose, sore throat, and cough are also common.	Exclusion is based upon symptoms like fever
Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (Coxsackie virus)	Raised rash particularly on palms, soles, and area surrounding mouth. Progresses to blisters then scabs. Causes sores inside mouth making swallowing painful.	Exclusion if student has blisters in the mouth and drool or weeping lesions on his/her hands or too ill to participate in daily activities.
Head Lice (Pediculosis)	Itching, irritation of scalp, feels like something is moving in the hair, and sores on the head caused by scratching. White to yellow-brown nits (eggs) attach firmly to hair (do not flake off like dandruff or debris) are most commonly found at the nape of the neck, crown of the head, and above the ears.	Exclude if student has live lice and until the student is treated for lice
Hepatitis A	Abrupt onset, loss of appetite, fever, abdominal pain, nausea, fatigue. Jaundice (yellowing of skin and whites of eyes) may follow in a few days	Exclude until 10 days after initial onset of symptoms
Hepatitis B	Usually unapparent onset, loss of appetite, vague abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, fever, fatigue.	Exclusion not appropriate

	Jaundice frequently occurs. Some people may not have symptoms	
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Herpes (Herpes Simplex Virus)	Blister-like sores, irritability, fever, and sores on mucous membranes of the mouth. HSV persists in latent form after initial infection. Reactivation of latent virus is manifested by cold sores which appear as single or grouped blisters around mouth.	Exclude if student has blisters in his/her mouth and likely to drool or are too ill to participate in daily activities.
Impetigo	Blister-like, pus-filled bumps which progress to yellow crusted, painless sores, itching is common. Usually found on exposed skin areas and around the nose/mouth	Exclude until 24 hours after treatment has begun and all lesions (sores) are dry
Measles (Rubeola)	Fever of 103-104°F degrees, runny nose, reddened eyes, cough, and severe intolerance to light for 2-4 days. Then a red-brown blotchy rash appears on the face and extends to the trunk and finally to the extremities. The rash and other symptoms usually subside in 7-9 days.	Exclude from school for 4 days following the onset of rash
Meningitis (Bacterial)	Sudden onset, fever, intense headache, nausea, and vomiting. Meningococcal meningitis has a rash. Behavior changes, irritability, sluggishness.	Exclude until at least 24 hours of effective treatment. Must be under physician's care.

Meningitis (Viral)	Sudden onset, fever, intense headache, nausea, vomiting, stiff neck. Behavioral changes, irritability, sluggishness.	Exclude while febrile. Must be under physician's care. Strict hand washing after toileting since virus may be shed from stool for 1-2 months.
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Mononucleosis (Mono)	Fever, sore throat, swollen lymph nodes, fatigue, headache, palatal petechial rash, occasional abdominal pain, occasional respiratory distress.	Return to school when feeling well enough.
Mumps	Fever, painful parotid gland swelling under jaw and in front of ear. Headache, chills, lack of appetite, abdominal pain.	Exclude for 5 days after onset of parotid swelling
Pinworms	Anal itching with disturbed sleep, irritability, and local irritation due to scratching.	Exclude until adequately treated. The child should receive medical attention. Effective medications available and may be repeated in 2 weeks.
Ringworm (Tinea)	Scalp -scaly patches of temporary baldness; infected hairs are brittle and break off easily Skin -Flat, ring-like rash, inflamed, may itch or burn Feet -scaling and cracking of skin especially between the toes; blisters may be present and filled with watery fluid	Exclude those with scalp and skin lesions until 24 hours of appropriate treatment completed.

RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus)	Fever, runny nose, cough, and sometimes wheezing.	Exclusion not necessary unless student is not able to participate in usual activities
Rubella (German Measles)	Fever, headache, sore throat, cough. Swollen lymph nodes at the back of the head and behind the ears. Red or pink rash begins on head at hairline, may be itchy, and fades in 72 hours. Rash may be absent.	Exclude until 7 days from onset of rash.
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Scabies	Parasitic disease of the skin caused by a mite, whose penetration is visible as papules (bumps), vesicles, or tiny linear burrows. Lesions are often found in the spaces between fingers, on the inside of the wrist, elbow, armpit, belt-line, and genital area. A patchy red rash is often present. Intense itching, especially at night. Manifestations may mimic other skin diseases.	Exclude until 24 hours following treatment. Symptoms generally do not stop immediately after treatment. Washing and drying of clothes, bedding, and personal articles or sealing articles in a plastic bag for 3-4 days is sufficient to kill the mite.
Scarlet Fever/Strep Throat (Streptococcal Infection)	Strep Throat -fever, red throat with pus spots, tender and swollen lymph nodes. Scarlet Fever -is a combination of strep throat with a rash but is no more serious than strep throat without a rash; fever, red throat with pus spots, tender and swollen lymph nodes, sandpaper like rash on the skin and inside of	Exclude until 24 hours of appropriate antibiotic therapy is completed

	mouth, "strawberry tongue". High fever, nausea, and vomiting may occur.	
Tuberculosis (TB)	Productive cough, chest pain, and hemoptysis (coughing up bloody mucous). Systemic symptoms may include fever, chills, night sweats, easily fatigued, loss of appetite, and weight loss. Children do not always present with the same symptoms as adults and frequently are diagnosed by Chest X-ray or other lab tests.	Isolate until designated TB authority approves the person's removal from isolation. Local health department TB authorities will determine the need and length of respiratory precautions.
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Whooping Cough (Pertussis)	Begins with mild upper respiratory symptoms and can progress to bouts of abnormal severe coughing with a characteristic respiratory whoop followed by vomiting. Fever is absent or minimal.	Exclude until 5 days of antimicrobial therapy is started. If no antimicrobial therapy is given, the student shall be excluded until 3 weeks after the onset.

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