

Communicable Disease Exclusion Guidelines for Schools and Childcare

Reportable Diseases

These diseases are considered reportable diseases under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, and must be reported to the local public health unit. The Medical Officer of Health has the authority under this Act to order isolation for any person who has or may have a communicable disease.

Disease	Exclusion Period
Chicken Pox	Until well enough to participate in all activities
COVID-19	Until 24 hours after symptoms have improved (48 hours after vomiting and diarrhea) and no fever
German Measles (Rubella)	7 days from onset of rash
Influenza	Until well enough to participate (usually 5-7 days)
Measles	4 days from onset of rash
Meningitis	Until fully recovered
Mumps	5 days from onset of swelling
Whooping Cough (Pertussis)	21 days from onset of cough, or 5 days after start of antibiotic treatment

Non-reportable Diseases

These diseases are not considered reportable diseases and the exclusions listed are not required by public health. These guidelines are based on scientific research and consider the method of transmission and how easily the disease spreads.

Disease	Exclusion Period
Impetigo	24 hours from start of antibiotic treatment
Pink - Eye (Conjunctivitis)	Most often viral and self-limited. If child is well enough to attend school and is able to comply with hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette, then no exclusion is required. Refer to healthcare provider if child has facial blisters, is unwell, or if symptoms do not improve in a few days.
Rash with Fever	Until rash and fever are gone, or a physician determines it is non- communicable
Ringworm	Until treatment started
Scabies	24 hours from start of treatment
Scarlet Fever/ Strep throat	24 hours from start of antibiotic treatment
Shingles	If rash cannot be covered exclude until vesicles become dry; if the rash can be covered, no exclusion is necessary
Vomiting and Diarrhea	Until 48 hours after last episode of vomiting or diarrhea
Colds Fifth Disease Hand, Foot & Mouth Disease Mononucleosis	No exclusion unless child is not feeling well enough to participate in all activities

For disease information, or to report one of the reportable disease, please call the Health Unit: 1-888-221-2133 ext 3254.