



RECOMMENDATIONS

for Temporary Exclusion from a SCHOOL SETTING

Students and faculty should be excluded from school activities for the following conditions:

- **Chicken Pox (Varicella):** exclude until rash or lesions have crusted over.
- **Diarrheal diseases:** exclude while symptomatic only if person is unable to practice independent hygiene.
- **Haemophilus Influenzae, type B invasive (Hib):** exclude until after 24 hours of antibiotic treatment.
- **HIV, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C or other blood borne diseases:** generally no exclusion; considerations may exist if potential for blood borne exposure exists. Consult healthcare provider for guidance.
- **Hepatitis A virus infection:** exclude until one week after onset of illness or jaundice (if symptoms are mild).
- **Influenza and Influenza-like Illness:** exclude as long as fever ≥ 100 degrees Fahrenheit is present in unmedicated state. Additional exclusions may be necessary for documented novel strain or pandemic influenza based on school policy, and state or federal guidance.
- **Measles:** exclude for 4 days after appearance of rash.
- **Meningococcal disease (Neisseria meningitidis):** exclude until after 24 hours of antibiotic treatment.
- **Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA):** exclude only if confirmed MRSA is present from a wound in which drainage is occurring and cannot be covered and contained.
- **Mumps:** exclude for 5 days from the onset of parotid gland swelling.
- **Pinkeye, scabies, head lice, ring worm, herpes gladiatorum, molluscum contagiosum, and skin rashes without fever:** generally no exclusion; considerations may exist for certain sports, extracurricular activities or behaviors that might increase risk of transmission. Consult healthcare provider for guidance.
- **Rubella:** exclude for 7 days after appearance of rash.
- **Shingles (Herpes zoster):** generally no exclusion if lesions can be covered. If lesions cannot be covered exclude until rash or lesions have crusted over.
- **Strep Throat and streptococcal skin infections:** exclude until after 24 hours of antibiotic treatment.
- **Tuberculosis:** exclude until physician and Department of Health determine person is not infectious.
- **Whooping cough (Pertussis):** exclude until 5 days of appropriate antibiotic therapy has been completed.

(2009 Red Book, American Academy of Pediatrics, 28th Edition; Managing Infectious Diseases in Child Care and Schools, A Quick Reference Guide, American Academy of Pediatrics, 2nd Edition; 2008 Control of Communicable Diseases Manual, 19th Edition.)

If you have questions about infectious diseases or immunizations,
contact the Department of Health or your physician.

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Local Disease Intervention Specialist: _____ Phone: _____

Local Community Health Nurse: _____ Phone: _____