

School Exclusion Guidelines



Disease	Minimum exclusion period for cases
Conjunctivitis (Pink eye)	Exclude until seen by a healthcare provider, if there is a thick white or yellow discharge, fever, eye pain or eyelid swelling or significant watery discharge. At least 24 hours of treatment may be required before returning to school. No exclusion if have pink eyes with no or minimal clear or watery discharge without fever, eye pain, or eyelid redness.
Cold sores (herpes simplex)	Exclusion is not usually required (unless significant drooling that cannot be controlled)
COVID-19/Influenza/RSV	Exclude until symptoms have improved and child has not had fever for 24 hours.
Diphtheria	Exclude until medical clearance (written note from health care provider)
E.coli (Verotoxigenic)	Exclude as recommended by Public Health.
Gastroenteritis (diarrhea and/or vomiting not due to an identified chronic condition.)	Exclude until free of diarrhea/vomiting for 48 hours. For certain causes of gastroenteritis and in outbreak situations, longer periods of exclusion may be needed. Contact Public Health for advice.
Group A streptococcal (GAS) infection (pharyngitis/ tonsillitis [strep throat], scarlet fever, impetigo)	Exclude until 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment.
Hand-foot-and-mouth disease	Exclusion is not usually required (unless significant drooling that cannot be controlled)
Hepatitis A	Exclude until 1 week from the onset of illness/jaundice.
MRSA (Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus)	Exclusion is not usually required. (unless skin lesions (e.g. boils) cannot be covered). Seek medical advice for contact sport participation.
Measles	Exclude until 4 days from the onset of rash.
Meningitis (Meningococcal (Invasive) Disease)	Exclude as recommended by Public Health.
Mumps	Exclude until 5 days from the onset of gland swelling, if non-immunized contacts are present.
Pertussis (whooping cough)	Exclude as recommended by Public Health.
Ringworms	Exclude until treatment started.
Rubella (German measles)	Exclude for 7 days after onset of rash.
Scabies	Exclude until 24 hours after treatment.
Shingles (herpes zoster)	Exclusion is not usually required (unless skin lesions (spots) cannot be covered)
Varicella (chickenpox)	Exclude until child feels well enough to return to school.
EXCLUSION IS NOT REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:	
Cytomegalovirus infection, HIV, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, Molluscum contagiosum, Mononucleosis (EBV infection), Pediculosis (Head lice), Pinworms, Roseola infantum (sixth disease, exanthema subitum), Fifth disease (erythema infectiosum), or Thrush (candida)	
However, students should be fever-free for 24 hrs without using fever-reducing medications, free of vomiting and/or diarrhea for 48 hrs, and well enough to attend school.	

In the interest of continuation of education of the child, please contact Public Health for advice if the exclusion period for any illness exceeds 1 week.