

SCHOOL EXCLUSION GUIDELINES

DISEASE	MINIMUM EXCLUSION PERIOD FOR CASES
Diphtheria	Exclude until medical clearance (written note from MD)
Pertussis (whooping cough)	If high risk individuals are present, exclude until 5 days from the start of treatment OR, if no treatment was given, until 3 weeks elapsed since the onset of characteristic cough or until the end of cough, whichever occurs first.
Group A streptococcal (GAS) infection (pharyngitis/tonsillitis (strep throat), scarlet fever, impetigo)	Exclude until 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment.
MRSA (Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus)	Usually not required (unless skin lesions (e.g. boils) cannot be covered). Seek medical advice for contact sport participation.
Mononucleosis (EBV infection)	Not required
Cytomegalovirus infection	Not required.
Measles	Exclude until 4 days from the onset of rash.
Mumps	Exclude until 5 days from the onset of gland swelling, if non-immunized contacts are present.
Rubella (German measles)	Exclude until 7 days from the onset of rash.
Varicella (chickenpox)	Exclude until child feels well enough to return to school.
Shingles (herpes zoster)	Usually not required (unless skin lesions (spots) cannot be covered.
Fifth disease (erythema infectiosum, "slapped cheek" syndrome)	Not required. Once rash appears, a child is no longer contagious.
Roseola infantum (sixth disease, exanthema subitum)	Not required.
Gastroenteritis (diarrhea and/or vomiting)	Exclude students who cannot maintain personal hygiene until diarrhea subsides. For certain causes of gastroenteritis and in outbreak situations, longer periods of exclusion may be needed. Contact Public Health for advice.
Hepatitis A	Exclude for 1 week from the onset of illness/jaundice.
HIV, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C	Not required.
Conjunctivitis (Pink eye)	If there is a thick white or yellow discharge (with eyelids stuck together or crusted eyelashes), fever, eye pain or eyelid swelling or significant watery discharge exclude until seen by a doctor (at least 24 hours of treatment may be required before returning to school). Children with pink eyes who have no minimal clear or watery discharge without fever, eye pain or eyelid redness do not need to be excluded.
Cold sores (herpes simplex)	Usually not required (unless significant drooling that cannot be controlled).
Hand-foot-and-mouth disease	Usually not required (unless significant drooling that cannot be controlled).
Thrush (candida)	Not required.
Molluscum contagiosum	Not required.
Warts	Not required.
Scabies	Exclude until 24 hours after treatment.
Pediculosis (Head lice)	Not required.
Ringworms	Exclude until treatment started.
Pinworms	Not required.