

# Communicable Disease Chart

Disease *Immunization is available	Usual Interval Between Exposure and Final Symptoms of Disease	Main Symptoms	Minimum Exclusion From School
*Chicken Pox	13-17 days	Mild symptoms and fever Pocks are *blistery* have scabs, most on covered parts of body	5 days from onset of pocks or until pocks become dry
Common Cold	12-72 hours	Sneezing, temperature, malaise, cough	
Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	24-72 hours	Tearing, redness & puffy eye lids Eye discharge	Until treatment begins or physician approves readmission
Fifth Disease	4-20 days unusual in adults	Usual age 5 to 14 years Low grade fever followed by slapped cheek appearance on cheek A hot like rash on extremities lasting a few days to 5 weeks Rash seems to reappear	After diagnosis no exclusion from school
Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease	3-5 days	Rash on cheeks, gums & tongue May also occur on palms, fingers & soles of feet	During acute stage of illness or as advised
*Haemophilus Meningitis	2-4 days	Fever, vomiting, lethargy, stiff neck & back	Until physician permits return
*Hepatitis A	Variable 15-50 days	Abdominal pain, nausea, usually fever, eyes & skin may turn yellow	7 days from onset of symptoms
Impetigo	4-10 days	Inflamed sores, with pus	Cover lesions when attending school
Lice		Live lice or eggs	<b>No exclusion from school</b>
*Measles	3-7 days to rash	Begins with fever, conjunctivitis runny nose, cough, then blotchy red rash	4 days from onset
*Meningococcal Meningitis	2-10 days (commonly 3-4 days)	Headache, nausea, stiff neck, fever	Antibiotics for 24 hours or until physician permits return
*Mumps	12-25 days (commonly 18 days)	Fever, swelling & tenderness of glands at angle of jaw	9 days after onset of swollen glands or until swelling disappears
Ringworm of Scalp	10-14 days	Scaly patch, usually ring shaped, on scalp	No exclusion from school. Exclude from gymnasium, swimming pools, contact sports
Scabies	2-6 weeks initial exposure: 1-4 days re-exposure	Tiny burrows in skin caused by mites	After first treatment
Scarlet Fever Scarletina	1-3 days	Sudden onset, vomiting, sore	24 hours after antibiotics started and no fever
Strep Throat	1-3 days	Fever, later fine rash (not on face). Rash usually only with first infection	
*Whooping Cough	6-20 days	Head cold, slight fever, cough, characteristic whoop after about 2 weeks	5 days after start of antibiotic treatment