

## Common Childhood Communicable Disease Exclusion Criteria

<b>Disease</b> NOTE: Diseases that are notifiable to the CPHO are in bold	<b>Primary Reporting Responsibility</b>	<b>Period of Communicability</b>	<b>Exclusion from Daycare/School</b>
<b>Cold Sores (Herpes Simplex)</b>	<b>lab</b>		Exclusion not required
Common Cold		24 hours before to 5 days after onset of symptoms	Exclusion not required
Conjunctivitis (Bacterial/Purulent)		Duration of infection or until 24 hours of antibiotic treatment is completed	Exclude until 24 hours after starting treatment
Conjunctivitis (Viral/Non-Purulent)			Exclusion not required after physician diagnosis
Coxsackie Virus (Hand, Foot and Mouth)		While experiencing symptoms and virus persists in stool for several weeks	No fixed exclusion period. Stay home if fever is present or until child feels well enough to participate in activities
Fifth Disease (Slapped Cheek)		4-14 days before onset of rash	No fixed exclusion period. Stay home if fever is present or until child feels well enough to participate in activities

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<b>Hepatitis A</b>	<b>lab</b>	Typically 2 weeks before onset of symptoms until 1 week after onset of jaundice	Exclude for 1 week after onset of symptoms/jaundice
Impetigo (Reportable only if the disease appears epidemic or the case shows unusual features)	<b>MD/NP</b>	If untreated 10-21 days, or until 24 hours of antibiotic treatment is completed	Exclude until 24 hours after starting treatment
<b>Influenza</b>	<b>lab</b>	24 hours prior to onset of symptoms and lasting up to 7 days in children	Exclude until fever has resolved and child is able to participate in activities
<b>Measles</b>	<b>MD/NP/lab</b>	3-5 days before onset of rash to 4 days after appearance of rash	Exclude for 4 days after onset of rash
<b>Mumps</b>	<b>MD/NP/lab</b>	7 days before to 5 days after symptoms develop	Exclude for 5 days from the onset of neck and cheek swelling

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<b>Pertussis (Whooping Cough)</b>	<b>MD/NP/lab</b>	From beginning of mild cold symptoms until 3 weeks after onset of symptoms or until 5 days of antibiotics is completed	Exclude for 3 weeks after onset of symptoms <u>or</u> until they have received 5 days of appropriate treatment
Pinworms		As long as eggs are being discharged on perianal area <u>or</u> until treatment is initiated	No exclusion necessary
Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)		While symptomatic and may rarely persist for weeks after clinical symptoms subside	No fixed exclusion period. Child may remain in or return to daycare/school as long as they are well enough to participate in activities
<b>Ringworm</b> <b>(Reportable only if the disease appears epidemic or the case shows unusual features)</b>	<b>MD/NP</b>	As long as the lesions are present and viable spores persist or until treatment is initiated	Exclude until treatment has been started
Roseola		From a few days before the fever until the rash appears	No exclusion period

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<b>Rubella</b>	<b>MD/NP/lab</b>	7 days before onset of rash to 7 days after appearance of rash	Exclude for 7 days after onset of rash
Scabies (Reportable only if the disease appears epidemic or the case shows unusual features)	<b>MD/NP</b>	Onset of symptoms until person is treated	Exclude until 1 <sup>st</sup> treatment has been applied
Shingles		Once rash appears until blisters have developed crusts	No exclusion period
Streptococcal Infection (Strep Throat, Scarlet Fever)		Duration of infection or until 24 hours of antibiotic treatment is completed	Exclude until 24 hours after starting treatment
<b>Varicella</b>	<b>MD/NP/lab</b>	Most contagious period is 1-2 days before onset of rash. Contagious for up to 5 days after rash appears or when blisters have formed crusts	No fixed exclusion period. Child may remain in or return to daycare/school as long as they are well enough to participate in activities

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