

Guidelines to Control the Transmission of Communicable Diseases in School Settings

<i>Disease</i>	<i>Incubation</i>	<i>Symptoms</i>	<i>Patient exclusion</i>	<i>Contact exclusion</i>
Chickenpox	<i>14-21 days, usually 14-16 days.</i>	<i>Sudden onset of slight fever, rash that forms blisters then crusts</i>	<i>Until vesicles become dry, usually after 5 days in unimmunized children and 1-4 days with breakthrough varicella in immunized children.</i>	<i>None</i>
Conjunctivitis	<i>42-72 hours</i>	<i>Redness, swelling, pain, with white or yellow discharge</i>	<i>Until examined by a physician and approved for readmission, with treatment for purulent* conjunctivitis until after treatment has been initiated * pink or red conjunctiva with white or yellow eye discharge</i>	<i>In high risk populations, susceptible contacts may be excluded</i>
CA-MRSA Community Associated Methicillin Resistant Staph Aureus	<i>variable</i>	<i>Usually skin lesions, red inflamed and draining, may look like "spider bites"</i>	<i>None as long as open/draining wounds are covered with a bandage. Contact sports are prohibited until lesions are dry</i>	<i>None</i>
Fifth Disease (Parvovirus)	<i>4-20 days</i>	<i>Low grade fever "slapped cheek" facial rash, lace-like rash on trunk and extremities</i>	<i>While fever is present</i>	<i>None</i>
Gastroenteritis	<i>Variable</i>	<i>Vomiting and/or diarrhea</i>	<i>While diarrhea or vomiting is present</i>	<i>None</i>
Hand Foot and Mouth Disease	<i>Usually 3-5 days</i>	<i>Fever, sore throat, sore in the mouth, a rash with blisters</i>	<i>During acute stage, draining lesions on hand or lesions in the mouth if drooling</i>	<i>None</i>
Hepatitis A	<i>15-50 days</i>	<i>Sudden onset of fever, malaise, nausea, abdominal discomfort and jaundice</i>	<i>Until 7 days after onset of symptoms or 7 days after start of jaundice</i>	<i>None</i>
Hepatitis B & C	<i>2 weeks to 6 months</i>	<i>Often unrecognized, but can include: gradual onset of fever, nausea, abdominal discomfort, and jaundice</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>
Influenza	<i>1-3 days</i>	<i>Sudden onset of fever, chills, headache, muscle aches, sore throat, dry cough</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Consider vaccination/anti-virals for high risk individuals</i>
Pinworm	<i>2-6 weeks</i>	<i>Often unrecognized, but can include: perianal itching, disturbed sleep, irritability</i>	<i>24 hours after treatment and bathing</i>	<i>None</i>
Ringworm	<i>4-10 days</i>	<i>Flat circular red rash, the center of which may be dry and scaly or moist and crusted</i>	<i>None if area can be covered and effective treatment started</i>	<i>None</i>
Scabies	<i>2-6 weeks before onset of itching.</i>	<i>Intensive itching especially in skin folds and webs of fingers</i>	<i>Until the day after treatment</i>	<i>None</i>
Strep Throat, Scarlet Fever and Impetigo	<i>1-3 days</i>	<i>Sore throat, fever and rash</i>	<i>Until after 24 hours of effective antibiotic treatment</i>	<i>None</i>
Whooping Cough (Pertussis)	<i>6-20 days, usually 9-10 days</i>	<i>Cold symptoms followed by paroxysmal cough</i>	<i>Until 5 days after start of effective antibiotic treatment</i>	<i>Symptomatic exclusion only</i>