Code No. 507.3E1

Communicable Disease Chart

CONCISE DESCRIPTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXCLUSION OF

CASES FROM SCHOOL

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| **DISEASE** | **Usual Interval between exposure & first symptom of disease** | **Main Symptoms** | **Minimum Exclusion from school activities \*\*RECOMMENDATION ONLY\*\*** |
| Chickenpox | 13 to 17 days | Mild symptoms and fever. Pocks are “blistery.” Develops scabs, most on covered parts of body. | 7 days from onset of pocks or until pocks become dry. |
| Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye) | 24 to 72 hours | Tearing, redness and puffy lids, eye discharge | Until treatment begins or physician approves readmission |
| Erythemia Infectiosum | 4 to 20 days | Usual age 5 to 14 years -unusual in adults.  Brief prodrome of low-grade fever followed by Erythemi (slapped cheek) appearance on cheeks, lace-like rash on extremities lasting a few days to 3 weeks.  Rash seems to recur. | After diagnosis no exclusion from school. |
| German Measles\* (Rubella) | 14 to 23 days | Usually mild.  Enlarged glands in neck and behind ears. Brief red rash | 7 days from onset of rash.  Keep away from pregnant women |
| Haemophilus Meningitis | 2 to 4 days | Fever, vomiting, lethargy, stiff neck and back | Until physician permits return |
| Hepatitis A | Variable - 15 to 50 (average 28 to 30 days) | Abdominal pain, nausea, usually fever.  Skin and eyes may or may not turn yellow. | 14 days from onset of clinical disease and at least 7 days from onset of jaundice. |
| Impetigo | 1 to 3 days | Inflamed sores, with pus | 48 hours after antibiotic therapy started or until physician permits return. |
| Measles\* | 10 days to fever, 14 days to rash | Begins with fever, conjunctivitis, runny nose, cough, then blotchy red rash | 4 days from onset of rash. |
| Meningococcal Meningitis | 2 to 10 days (commonly 3 to 4 days) | Headache, nausea, stiff neck, fever | Until physician permits return |
| Mumps\* | 12 to 25 days (Commonly 18 days) | Fever, swelling and tenderness of glands at angle of jaw. | 9 days after onset of swollen glands or until swelling disappears |
| Pediculosis (Head/Body Lice) | 7 days from eggs to hatch | Lice and nits (eggs) in hair. | 24 hours after adequate treatment to kill lice and nits |
| Ringworm of scalp | 10 to 14 days | Scaly patch, usually ring shaped, on scalp | No exclusion from school.  Exclude from gym, swimming pools, contact sports. |
| Scabies | 2 to 6 weeks initial exposure.  1 to 4 days reexposure | Tiny burrows in skin caused by mites | Until 24 hours after treatment. |
| Scarlet Fever Scarlatina Strep Throat | 1 to 3 days | Sudden onset, vomiting, sore throat, fever, late fine rash (not on face). Rash usually with first infection | 24 hours after antibiotics started and no fever. |
| Whooping cough\* | 7 to 10 days | Head cold, slight fever, cough, characteristic whoop after 2 weeks | 5 days after start of antibiotic treatment. |

\*Reportable infectious diseases