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MINIMUM PERIODS OF EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL, PRE-SCHOOL AND CHILDCARE FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN OR STAFF WITH, OR EXPOSED TO, INFECTIOUS DISEASES

(Based on National Health and Medical Research Guidelines-December 2005)

CONDITION	ACTION	EXCLUSION OF CASES	CONTACTS
▶ Amoebiasis (<i>Entamoeba histolytica</i>)		Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours.	Not excluded.
▶ Campylobacter	 If affecting 2 or more persons.	Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours.	Not excluded.
▶ Chickenpox (varicella and herpes zoster)		Exclude until all blisters have dried. This is usually at least five days after the rash first appeared in unimmunised children and less in immunised children.	Any child with an immune deficiency (eg leukaemia) or receiving chemotherapy should be excluded for their own protection. Otherwise not excluded (pregnant women should seek medical advice).
▶ CMV (Cytomegalovirus) infection		Exclusion is NOT necessary.	Not excluded.
▶ Conjunctivitis		Exclude until the discharge from the eyes has stopped unless doctor has diagnosed a non-infectious conjunctivitis.	Not excluded.
▶ Cryptosporidium infection		Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours.	Not excluded.
▶ Diarrhoea (no organism identified)	 If affecting 2 or more persons.	Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours.	Not excluded.
▶ Diphtheria		Exclude until medical certificate of recovery is received following at least 2 negative throat swabs, the first swab not less than 24 hours after finishing a course of antibiotics followed by another swab 48 hours later.	Exclude contacts that live in the same house until cleared to return by Centre for Disease Control.
▶ German measles		See 'Rubella'	Not excluded.
▶ Giardiasis		Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours.	Not excluded.
▶ Glandular fever (mononucleosis, EBV, infection)		Exclusion is NOT necessary.	Not excluded.
▶ Hand, foot and mouth disease		Exclude until all blisters have dried.	Not excluded.
▶ Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)		Exclude until the person has received appropriate antibiotic treatment for at least four days.	Not excluded (contact Disease Control for specialist advice).
▶ Head lice (Pediculosis)		Exclusion is NOT necessary if effective treatment is commenced prior to the next day at child care (ie the child doesn't need to be sent home immediately if head lice are detected).	Not excluded.
▶ Hepatitis A		Exclude until a medical certificate of recovery is received, but not before seven days after the onset of jaundice.	Not excluded.
▶ Hepatitis B*		Exclusion is NOT necessary.	Not excluded.
▶ Hepatitis C*		Exclusion is NOT necessary.	Not excluded.
▶ Herpes simplex (cold sores, fever blisters)		Exclusion is NOT necessary if the person is developmentally capable of maintaining hygiene practices to minimise the risk of transmission. If the person is unable to comply with these practices they should be excluded until the sores are dry. Sores should be covered by dressings where possible.	Not excluded.
▶ Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)*		Exclusion is NOT necessary. If the person is severely immune compromised, they will be vulnerable to other people's illnesses.	Not excluded.
▶ Hydatid disease		Exclusion is NOT necessary.	Not excluded.
▶ Impetigo (school sores)		Exclude until appropriate treatment has commenced. Any sores on exposed skin should be covered with a watertight dressing.	Not excluded.
▶ Influenza and influenza-like illness		Exclude until well.	Not excluded.
▶ Legionnaire's disease		Exclusion is NOT necessary.	Not excluded.
▶ Leprosy		Exclude until approval to return has been given by Centre for Disease Control.	Not excluded.
▶ Measles		Exclude for at least four days after onset of rash.	Immunised and immune contacts are not excluded. For non-immunised contacts - contact Disease Control for specialist advice.
▶ Meningitis (bacterial)	If Hib refer above	Exclude until well and has received appropriate antibiotics.	Not excluded.
▶ Meningitis (viral)		Exclude until well.	Not excluded.
▶ Meningococcal infection		Exclude until appropriate antibiotic treatment has been completed.	Not excluded (contact Disease Control for specialist advice).
▶ Molluscum contagiosum		Exclusion is NOT necessary.	Not excluded.
▶ Mumps		Exclude for nine days or until swelling goes down (whichever is sooner).	Not excluded.
▶ Norovirus		Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion or vomiting for 48 hours.	Not excluded.
▶ Parvovirus infection (fifth disease, erythema infectiosum, slapped cheek syndrome)		Exclusion is NOT necessary.	Not excluded.
▶ Pertussis		See Whooping cough.	
▶ Respiratory Syncytial virus		Exclusion is NOT necessary.	Not excluded.
▶ Ringworm/Tinea		Exclude until the day after appropriate antifungal treatment has commenced.	Not excluded.
▶ Roseola		Exclusion is NOT necessary.	Not excluded.
▶ Ross River virus		Exclusion is NOT necessary.	Not excluded.
▶ Rotavirus infection		Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion or vomiting for 24 hours.	Not excluded.
▶ Rubella (German Measles)		Exclude until fully recovered or for at least four days after the onset of rash.	Not excluded.
▶ Salmonella infection	 If affecting 2 or more persons	Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours.	Not excluded.
▶ Scabies		Exclude until the day after appropriate treatment has commenced.	Not excluded.
▶ Scarlet Fever (Streptococcal sore throat)		Exclude until the child has received antibiotic treatment for at least 24 hours and the person feels well.	Not excluded.
▶ School Sores		See Impetigo	
▶ Shigella infection		Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours.	Not excluded.
▶ Shingles		See Chickenpox	
▶ Thrush (candidiasis)		Exclusion is NOT necessary.	Not excluded.
▶ Toxoplasmosis		Exclusion is NOT necessary.	Not excluded.
▶ Tuberculosis (TB)		Exclude until medical certificate is produced from Centre for Disease Control.	Not excluded. Children and staff exposed to a case of tuberculosis may need tuberculin skin testing (contact Disease Control).
▶ Typhoid, Paratyphoid		Exclude until medical certificate is produced from Centre for Disease Control.	Not excluded unless Disease Control considers exclusion necessary.
▶ Viral gastroenteritis (viral diarrhoea)		Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion or vomiting for 48 hours.	Not excluded.
▶ Warts		Exclusion is NOT necessary.	Not excluded.
▶ Whooping cough (pertussis)		Exclude until five days after starting appropriate antibiotic treatment or for 21 days from the onset of coughing.	Contact Disease Control for specialist advice.
▶ Worms		Exclude if loose bowel motions present.	Not excluded.

* It is recommended that parents report these conditions to the childcare centre Director to ensure proper care of the child and to detect situations where there is and in all situations.

 Telephone the Centre for Disease Control in your district so that immediate preventive public health measures can be undertaken. If you notice a cluster (several cases) of any of the above listed conditions in children or staff at your facility, please telephone the Centre for Disease Control for advice and educational materials.