Disease-Specific Information and Exclusion Guidelines

Disease	Mode of Spread	Symptoms	Incubation Period	Contagious Period	Contacts	Exclusions
						(subject to LHD approval)
Campylobacteriosis [†]	Ingestion of under-	Diarrhea (may be	Average 2-5 days	Throughout illness	Exclude with first signs	Exclude until diarrhea
	cooked meat,	bloody), abdominal	(range 1-10 days)	(usually 1-2 weeks, but	of illness; encourage	has ceased for at least
	contaminated food or	pain, malaise, fever		up to 7 weeks without	good hand hygiene	2 days; additional
	water, or raw milk			treatment)		restrictions may apply
Chickenpox** †	Person-to-person by	Fever, mild respiratory	Average 14-16 days	As long as 5 days, but	Exclude contacts	Cases: Until lesions
(Varicella)	direct contact, droplet	symptoms, body rash	(range 10-21 days)	usually 1-2 days	lacking documentation	have crusted and no
	or airborne spread of	of itchy, blister-like		before onset of rash	of immunity until 21	new lesions for 24hr
	vesicle fluid, or	lesions, usually		and until all lesions	days after last case	(for non-crusting
,	respiratory tract	concentrated on the		have crusted	onset; consult LHD	lesions: until lesions
	secretions	face, scalp, trunk				are fading and no new
						lesions appear)
CMV	Exposure to infectious	None or "mono-like"	1 month	Virus may be shed for	If pregnant, consult	No exclusion
(Cytomegalovirus)	tissues, secretions, or			6 months to 2 years	OB; contacts should	necessary
. ,	excretions				not be excluded	
Common Cold	Airborne or contact	Runny or stuffy nose,	Variable, usually 1-3	24hrs before onset to	Encourage cough	No exclusion
	with respiratory	slight fever, watery	days	up to 5 days after	etiquette and good	necessary
	secretions; person-to-	eyes		onset	hand hygiene	
	person or by touching					
	contaminated surfaces					
Croup	Airborne or contact	Barking cough,	Variable based on	Variable based on	Encourage cough	No exclusion
	with respiratory	difficulty breathing	causative organism	causative organism	etiquette and good	necessary
	secretions				hand hygiene	
Diarrheal Illness	Fecal-oral: person-to-	Loose stools; potential	Variable based on	Variable based on	Exclude with first signs	Exclude until diarrhea
(Unspecified)	person, ingesting	for fever, gas,	causative organism	causative organism	of illness; encourage	has ceased for 24h or
, , ,	contaminated food or	abdominal cramps,			good hand hygiene	until medically cleared
	liquid, contact with	nausea, vomiting				
	infected animals					
E. coli [‡]	Fecal-oral: person-to-	Abdominal cramps,	Variable, usually	For duration of	Exclude with first signs	Medical clearance
(Shiga toxin-	person, from	diarrhea (may be	2-10 days	diarrhea until stool	of illness; encourage	required; also, exclude
producing)	contaminated food or	bloody), may include		culture is negative	good hand hygiene	until diarrhea has
p. 0 a. a. a	liquids, contact with	gas, nausea, fever or				ceased for at least 2
	infected animals	vomiting				days; additional
						restrictions may apply
Fifth Disease	Person-to-person;	Fever, flushed, lacy	Variable, usually 4-20	Most infectious before	If pregnant, consult	No exclusion
(Erythema infectiosum)	Contact with	rash ("slapped cheek")	days	1-2 days prior to onset	OB; encourage good	necessary if rash is
(Parvovirus B19)	respiratory secretions				hand hygiene; do not	diagnosed as Fifth
					share eating utensils	disease by a
						healthcare provider

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Giardiasis** [‡]	Person-to-person transmission of cysts from infected feces; contaminated water	Diarrhea, abdominal cramps, bloating, fatigue, weight loss, pale, greasy stools; may be asymptomatic	Average 7-10 days (range 3-25+ days)	During active infection	Encourage good hand hygiene	(subject to LHD approval) Exclude until diarrhea has ceased for at least 2 days; may be relapsing; additional restrictions may apply
Hand Foot and Mouth Disease** (Coxsackievirus) (Herpangina)	Contact with respiratory secretions or by feces from infected person	Sudden onset of fever, sore throat, cough, tiny blisters inside mouth, throat and on extremities	Average 3-5 days (range 2-14 days)	From 2-3 days before onset and several days after onset; shed in feces for weeks	Exclude with first signs of illness; encourage cough etiquette and good hand hygiene	If secretions from blisters can be contained, no exclusion required
Head lice (Pediculosis)	Head-to-head contact with an infected person and/or their personal items such as clothing or bedding Head Lice Manual	Itching, especially nape of neck and behind ears; scalp can become pink and dry; patches may be rough and flake off	1-2 weeks	Until lice and viable eggs are destroyed, which generally requires 1-2 shampoo treatments and nit combing	Avoid head-to-head contact during play; do not share personal items, such as hats, combs; inspect close contacts frequently	Students with live lice may stay in school until end of day; immediate treatment at home is advised;
Hepatitis A** †	Fecal-oral; person-to- person or via contaminated food or water	Loss of appetite, nausea, fever, jaundice, abdominal discomfort, diarrhea, dark urine, fatigue	Average 25-30 days (range 15-50 days)	2 weeks before onset of symptoms to 1 to 2 weeks after onset	Immediately notify LHD regarding evaluation and treatment of close contacts; encourage good hand hygiene	Exclude until at least 7 days after jaundice onset and medically cleared; exclude from food handling for 14 days after onset
Herpes simplex I, II (cold sores / fever blisters) (genital herpes)	Infected secretions HSV I – saliva HSV II – sexual	Tingling prior to fluid- filled blister(s) that recur in the same area (mouth, nose, genitals)	2-14 days	As long as lesions are present; may be intermittent shedding while asymptomatic	Encourage good hand hygiene and age-appropriate STD prevention; avoid blister secretions; do not share personal items	No exclusion necessary
Impetigo (Impetigo contagiosa)	Direct or indirect contact with lesions and their discharge	Lesions/blisters are generally found on the mouth and nostrils; occasionally near eyes	Variable, usually 4-10 days, but can be as short as 1-3 days	While sores are draining	Encourage good hand hygiene	Treatment may be delayed until end of the day; if treatment started before next day's return, no exclusion necessary; cover lesions
*Influenza** (influenza-like illness)	Droplet; contact with respiratory secretions or touching contaminated surfaces)	High fever, fatigue, cough, muscle aches, sore throat, headache, runny nose; rarely vomiting or diarrhea	1-4 days	1 day prior to onset of symptoms to 1 week or more after onset	Exclude with first signs of illness; encourage cough etiquette and good hand hygiene	Exclude until 24hrs with no fever (without fever-reducing medication) and cough has subsided

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Measles** [‡] (Rubeola) (Hard/red measles)	Contact with nasal or throat secretions; airborne via sneezing and coughing	High fever, runny nose, cough, red, watery eyes, followed by rash on face, then spreading over body	Average 10-12 days (range 7-21 days) from exposure to fever onset	4 days before to 4 days after rash onset	Exclude contacts lacking documentation of immunity until 21 days after last case onset; consult LHD	Cases: Exclude until 4 days after rash onset
Meningitis** [†] (Aseptic/viral)	Varies with causative agent: droplet or fecal-oral route; may be complications of another illness	Severe headache, stiff neck and back, vomiting, fever, intolerance to light, neurologic symptoms	Varies with causative agent	Varies with causative agent, but generally 2- 14 days	Encourage cough etiquette and good hand hygiene	Exclude until medically cleared
Meningitis** † (Bacterial) (N. meningitis) (H. influenzae) (S. pneumoniae)	Contact with saliva or nasal and throat secretions; spread by sneezing, coughing, and sharing beverages or utensils	Severe headache, fever, stiff neck or back, vomiting, irritability, intolerance of light, neurologic symptoms; rash	Average 2-4 days (range 1-10 days)	Generally considered no longer contagious after 24hrs of antibiotic treatment	Immediately notify LHD; encourage good hand hygiene; do not share personal items and eating utensils	Medical clearance required; exclude until 24 hrs after antimicrobial treatment
Molloscum contagiosum	Transmitted by skin- to-skin contact and through handling contaminated objects	Smooth, firm, flesh- colored papules (bumps) with an indented center	Usually between 2 and 7 weeks	Unknown but likely as long as lesions persist	Do not share personal items	No exclusion necessary
Mononucleosis	Person-to-person via saliva	Fever, sore throat, fatigue, swollen lymph nodes, enlarged spleen	30-50 days	Prolonged, possibly longer than 1 year	Do not share personal items	Exclude until able to tolerate activity; exclude from contact sports until recovered
MRSA** (Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus)	Transmitted by skin- to-skin contact and contact with surfaces that have contacted infection site drainage	Fever may be present; commonly a lesion; may resemble a spider bite and be swollen, painful with drainage; a non-symptomatic carrier state is possible	Varies	As long as lesions are draining; MRSA is frequently found in many environments; handwashing is the best way to avoid infection	Encourage good hand hygiene; do not share personal items, including but not limited to towels, washcloths, clothing and uniforms	No exclusion if wound is covered and drainage contained; no exclusion from swimming if wound is covered with waterproof bandage
Mumps** †	Airborne or direct contact with saliva	Swelling of 1 or more salivary glands (usually parotid); chills, fever, headache are possible	Average 16-18 days (range 12-25 days)	Up to 7 days prior to and 8 days after parotitis onset	Exclude contacts lacking documentation of immunity until 25 days after last case onset; consult LHD	Cases: Exclude until 5 days after onset of salivary gland swelling
*Norovirus** (viral gastroenteritis)	Food, water, surfaces contaminated with vomit or feces, person-to-person, aerosolized vomit	Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain for 12-72hrs; possibly low-grade fever, chills, headache	Average 24-48hrs (range: 12-72hrs)	Usually from onset until 2-3 days after recovery; typically, virus is no longer shed after 10 days	Encourage good hand hygiene; contact LHD for environmental cleaning recommendations	Exclude until illness has ceased for at least 2 days; exclude from food handling for 3 days after recovery

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Pink Eye (conjunctivitis)	Discharge from eyes, respiratory secretions; from contaminated fingers, shared eye make-up applicators	Bacterial: Often yellow discharge in both eyes Viral: Often one eye with watery/clear discharge and redness Allergic: itchy eyes with watery discharge	Variable but often 1-3 days	During active infection (range: a few days to 2-3 weeks)	Encourage good hand hygiene	Exclude only if herpes simplex conjunctivitis and eye is watering; exclusion also may be necessary if 2 or more children have watery, red eyes; contact LHD
Rash Illness (Unspecified)	Variable depending on causative agent	Skin rash with or without fever	Variable depending on causative agent	Variable depending on causative agent	Variable depending on causative agent	Exclude if also behavior changes or fever; may need to be medically cleared
Respiratory Illness (Unspecified)	Contact with respiratory secretions	Slight fever, sore throat, cough, runny or stuffy nose	Variable but often 1-3 days	Variable depending on causative agent	Encourage cough etiquette and good hand hygiene	Exclude if also fever until fever free for 24hrs without fever-reducing medication
Ringworm (Tinea)	Direct contact with an infected animal, person, or contaminated surface	Round patch of red, dry skin with red raised ring; temporary baldness	Usually 4-14 days	As long as lesions are present and fungal spores exist on materials	Inspect skin for infection; do not share personal items; seek veterinary care for pets with signs of skin disease	Treatment may be delayed until end of the day; if treatment started before next day's return, no exclusion necessary; exclude from contact sports, swimming until start of treatment
Rubella** [‡] (German Measles)	Direct contact; contact with respiratory secretions; airborne via sneeze and cough	Red, raised rash for ~3 days; possibly fever, headache, fatigue, red eyes	Average 16-18 days (range: 14-21 days)	7 days before to 7 days after rash onset	If pregnant, consult OB; Exclude contacts lacking documentation of immunity until 21 days after last case onset; consult LHD	Exclude until 7 days after onset of rash
Salmonellosis [†]	Fecal-oral: person-to- person, contact with infected animals or via contaminated food	Abdominal pain, diarrhea (possibly bloody), fever, nausea, vomiting, dehydration	Average 12-36hrs (range: 6hrs-7 days)	During active illness and until organism is no longer detected in feces	Exclude with first signs of illness; encourage good hand hygiene	Exclude until diarrhea has ceased for at least 2 days; additional restrictions may apply
Scabies	Close, skin-to-skin contact with an infected person or via infested clothing or bedding Scabies Prevention and Control Manual	Extreme itching (may be worse at night); mites burrowing in skin cause rash / bumps	2-6 weeks for first exposure; 1-4 days for re-exposure	Until mites are destroyed by chemical treatment; prescription skin and oral medications are generally effective after one treatment	Treat close contacts and infected persons at the same time; avoid skin-to-skin contact; do not share personal items; see exclusion criteria	Treatment may be delayed until end of the day; if treatment started before next day's return, no exclusion necessary

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Shigellosis** †	Fecal-oral: frequently	Abdominal pain,	Average 1-3 days	During active illness	Exclude with first signs	Medical clearance
	person-to-person; also	diarrhea (possibly	(range 12-96hrs)	and until no longer	of illness; encourage	required; also, exclude
	via contaminated food	bloody), fever, nausea,		detected; treatment	good hand hygiene	until diarrhea has
	or water	vomiting, dehydration		can shorten duration		ceased for at least 2
						days
Strep throat /	Respiratory droplet or	Sore throat, fever;	Average 2-5 days	Until 12hrs after	Exclude with signs of	Exclude until 12hrs
Scarlet Fever	direct contact; via	Scarlet Fever: body	(range 1-7 days)	treatment; (10-21	illness; encourage	after antimicrobial
	contaminated food	rash and red tongue		days without	good hand hygiene	therapy (at least 2
				treatment)		doses)
Streptococcus	Contact with	Variable: ear infection,	Varies; as short as 1-3	Until 24hrs after	Consult LHD to discuss	Exclude until 24hrs
pneumoniae [‡]	respiratory secretions	sinusitis, pneumonia	days	antimicrobial therapy	the potential need for	after antimicrobial
%		or meningitis			treatment	therapy
Tuberculosis	Airborne; spread by	Fever, fatigue, weight	2-10 weeks	While actively	Consult LHD to discuss	Exclude until medically
(TB) [†]	coughing, sneezing,	loss, cough (lasting 3+		infectious	for evaluation and	cleared
(16)	speaking or singing	weeks), night sweats,			potential testing of	
		loss of appetite			contacts	
Typhoid fever	Fecal-oral: person-to-	Gradual onset fever,	Average range: 8-14	From first week of	Consult LHD for	Medical clearance
(Salmonella typhi) †	person, ingestion of	headache, malaise,	days (3-60 days	illness through	evaluation of close	required; also, exclude
(Sumonena typin)	contaminated food or	anorexia, cough,	reported)	convalescence	contacts	until symptom free;
	water (cases are	abdominal pain, rose	, ,			Contact LHD about
	usually travel-related)	spots, diarrhea,				additional restrictions
		constipation, change				
		in mental status				
Vomiting Illness	Varies; See Norovirus	Vomiting; potential	Varies; See Norovirus	Varies; See Norovirus	Encourage good hand	Exclude until 24hrs
(Unspecified)	,	fever, nausea, cramps,	,	,	hygiene; See	after the last vomiting
(Onspecifica)		diarrhea			Norovirus	episode
Whooping Cough**	Contact with	Initially cold-like	Average 7-10 days	With onset of cold-like	Consult LHD to discuss	Cases: Exclude until 21
	respiratory secretions	symptoms, later	(range 5-21 days)	symptoms until 21	the potential need for	days after onset or
(Pertussis) [‡]	respiratory secretions	cough; may have	(Lauge 3-21 days)	days from onset (or	treatment	until 5 days after start
		inspiratory whoop,		until 5 days of	treatment	of appropriate
/ *		posttussive vomiting		treatment)		antibiotic treatment
Mart Nils Miss	Bite from an infected	•	2.14 days	,	Drotost against hites	
West Nile Virus		High fever, nausea,	3-14 days	Not spread person-to-	Protect against bites	No exclusion
	mosquito	headache, stiff neck		person	using EPA approved	necessary
					insect repellents	

All diseases in **bold** are to be reported to your local health department

Vaccination is highly encouraged to prevent or mitigate disease
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^{*}Report only aggregate number of cases for these diseases

^{**} Contact your local health department for a "letter to parents"

[‡] Consult with local health department on case-by-case basis