



Exclusion procedures for illness / communicable diseases

Disease/Illness	Minimum Exclusion Period
Hand, Foot and Mouth	None, but must stay at home while unwell
Antibiotics prescribed	First day at home
Temperature	If sent home ill, child must be off for 24 hours
Vomiting	If sent home ill, 48 hours
Conjunctivitis	Keep at home for a minimum of 1 day; longer if eyes still weeping
Diarrhoea	If sent home , 48 hours until clear
Chickenpox	6 days from appearance of the rash
Scarlet fever & streptococcal throat infection	After 24 hours if appropriate medical treatment (antibiotic) has been given and are recovered
Rotavirus	48 hours after the symptoms have subsided
Influenza	Advised to stay at home until recovered
German Measles	5 days from the appearance of the rash
Slapped Cheek	None but must be well and recovered to return
Impetigo	48 hours after commencing treatment
Pediculosis (lice)	Until appropriate treatment has been given
Plantar warts	No exclusion. Should be treated and covered
Ringworm of scalp	Until cured
Ringworm of body	Seldom necessary to exclude provided treatment is being given
Covid 19	3 days after the onset of symptoms
Scabies	Can return after the first treatment
* Gastro-enteritis, food poisoning, salmonellosis and dysentery	48 hours for notifiable diseases, until advised by the relevant PHO
* Infective hepatitis	7 days from onset of jaundice
* Measles	4 days from appearance of the rash
* Meningococcal infection	Until recovered from the illness
* Viral Meningitis	When recovered
* Meningitis Septicaemia	After treatment and recovery
* Mumps	Until the swelling has subsided and in no case less than 5 days from onset
* Pertussis (whooping cough)	21 days from the onset of paroxysmal cough or 2 days if antibiotic treatment given
* Poliomyelitis	Until declared free from infection by the appropriate public health official
* Tuberculosis	Until declared free from infection by the appropriate public health official
* Typhoid fever	Until declared free from infection by the appropriate public health official

\*denotes a notifiable disease. It is a statutory requirement that doctors report a notifiable disease to the proper officer of the local authority (usually a consultant in communicable disease control). Health Protection Agency (2010) Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and other Child Care Settings. HPA London