

School exclusion table

The following table indicates the minimum period of exclusion from schools and children's service centre required for infectious diseases cases and contacts as prescribed under Regulations 13 and 14 of the Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 2001-Schedule 6. In this Schedule 'medical certificate' means a certificate of a registered medical practitioner.

Disease or Condition	Exclusion of cases	Exclusion of contacts
Amoebiasis (<i>Entamoeba histolytica</i>)	Exclude until diarrhea has ceased	Not excluded
Campylobacter	Exclude until diarrhea has ceased	Not excluded
Chickenpox	Exclude until fully recovered or for at least 5 days after the eruption first appears. Note that some remaining scabs are not a reason for continued exclusion.	Any child with an immune deficiency (e.g. leukaemia) or receiving chemotherapy should be excluded for their own protection. Otherwise not excluded.
Conjunctivitis	Exclude until discharge from eyes has ceased	Not excluded
Diarrhea	Exclude until diarrhea has ceased or until medical certificate of recovery is produced	Not excluded
Diphtheria	Exclude until medical certificate of recovery is received following at least two negative throat swabs, then first not less than 24 hours after finishing a course of antibiotics and the other 48 hours later	Exclude family/household contacts until cleared to return by the Secretary
Haemophilus type b (Hib)	Exclude until medical certificate of recovery is received	Not excluded
Hand, foot and mouth disease	Until all blisters have dried	Not excluded
Hepatitis A	Exclude until a medical certificate of recovery is received, but not before 7 days after the onset of jaundice or illness	Not excluded
Herpes ('cold sores')	Young children unable to comply with good hygiene practices should be excluded while the lesion is weeping. Lesions to be covered by dressing, where possible	Not excluded
Human-immuno-deficiency virus infection (HIV/AIDS)	Exclusion is not necessary unless the child has a secondary infection	Not excluded
Impetigo	Exclude until appropriate treatment has commenced. Sores on exposed surfaces must be covered with a watertight dressing.	Not excluded
Influenza and influenza like illnesses	Exclude until well	Not excluded
Leprosy	Exclude until approval to return has been given by the Secretary	Not excluded
Measles	Exclude until at least 4 days after the onset of rash	Immunised contacts not excluded. Unimmunised contacts should be excluded until 14 days after the first day of appearance of rash in the last case. If unimmunised contacts are vaccinated within 72 hours of their first contact with the first case they may return to school.
Meningitis (bacteria)	Exclude until well	Not excluded
Meningococcal infection	Exclude until adequate carrier eradication therapy has been completed	Not excluded if receiving carrier eradication therapy
Mumps	Exclude for 9 days or until swelling goes down (whichever is sooner)	Not excluded
Poliomyelitis	Exclude for at least 14 days from onset. Re-admit after receiving medical certificate of recovery	Not excluded
Ringworm, scabies, pediculosis (head lice).	Re-admit the day after appropriate treatment has commenced	Not excluded
Rubella (german measles)	Exclude until fully recovered or for at least four days after the onset of rash	Not excluded
Salmonella, Shigella	Exclude until diarrhea ceases	Not excluded
Sever Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)	Exclude until medical certificate of recovery is produced	Not excluded unless considered necessary by the Secretary
Streptococcal infection (including scarlet fever)	Exclude until the child has received antibiotic treatment for at least 24 hours and the child feels well	Not excluded
Trachoma	Re-admit the day after appropriate treatment has commenced	Not excluded
Tuberculosis	Exclude until receipt of a medical certificate from the treating physician stating that the child is not considered to be infectious	No excluded
Typhoid fever	Exclude until approval to return has been given by the Secretary	Not excluded unless considered necessary by the Secretary
Verotoxin producing <i>Escherichia coli</i> (VTEC)	Exclude if required by the Secretary and only for the period specified by the Secretary	Not excluded
Whooping cough	Exclude the child for 5 days after starting antibiotic treatment	Exclude unimmunised household contacts aged less than 7 years and close child care contacts for 14 days after the last exposure to infection or until they have taken 5 days of a 10 days course of antibiotics.
Worms (intestinal)	Exclude if diarrhea present	Not excluded

Exclusion cases and contacts is not required for Cytomegalovirus Infection, Glandular fever (mononucleosis), Hepatitis B or C, Hookworm, Cytotolavirus Infection, Molluscum contafiosum, or, Parvovirus (erythema infectiosum, fifth disease).