

## Exclusion guidelines for Infectious conditions

Condition	Exclusion Period	Exclusion of contacts
Chicken Pox (varicella and hepes zoster)	Exclude for at least 5 days after the rash appears AND until all blisters are dry and child feels well	Not excluded Immune deficient children should be excluded to protect them from illness
Conjunctivitis	Exclude until discharge from eyes ceases	Not excluded
Diarrhoea *Amoebiasis *Campylobacteriosis *Cryptosporidiosis *Giardiasis *Rotavirus *Salmonellosis *Shigellosis	For all cases, exclude until diarrhea ceases and 24 hours after last episode	In all cases, contacts not excluded
Vomitting	For all cases, exclude until vomiting cease and 24 hours after last episode	In all cases, contacts not excluded
Diphtheria	Exclude until 2 negative throat swabs 24 hours and 48 hours immediately after completion of antibiotic therapy. Need certificate from GP recommending re-inclusion	Exclude family and close family contacts until approval for re-inclusion from Chief Health Officer
Haemophilus influenza type B (Hib)	Exclusion until a certificate from GP is provided approving reinclusion	Not excluded
Hand Foot and Mouth disease	Exclude if child is unwell, drooling and until all blisters have dried	Not excluded
Hepatitis A	Exclude for 7 days after the onset of jaundice and until a certificate from GP is provided approving reinclusion	Not excluded
Herpes Simplex (cold sores)	Exclude young children with weeping blisters who are unable to comply with good hygiene practices, cover lesions with dressing when possible	Not excluded
Impetigo (school sores)	Exclude until appropriate treatment has commenced. Exposed sores should be covered with watertight dressing	Not excluded
Influenza	Exclude until well and mucus is clear	Not excluded
Lice (Pediculosis)	Exclude until effective treatment has commenced and all lice have died	Not excluded
Measles	Exclude for at least 4 days after onset of rash until full recovered	Immunised contacts not excluded. Non-immunised contacts excluded until 14 days after onset of rash. Non immunized contacts receiving measles vaccine within 72 hours of first contact are not excluded after being immunized. Non immunized contacts receiving normal human

		immunoglobulin (NHIG) within 7 days of first contact are not excluded after being immunized
Meningitis	Exclude until well	Not excluded
Meningococcal Infection	Exclude until well and until adequate carrier eradication therapy has been commenced	Not excluded if receiving antibiotic treatment. Excluded for 10 days after last contact with infected person if not receiving antibiotic treatment
Mumps	Exclude for 9 days after onset of symptoms or until parotid swelling has subsided (whichever is sooner)	Not excluded
Poliomyelitis	Exclude for 14 days from onset of symptoms and until a certificate of clearance from a GP is provided	Not excluded
Ringworm	Exclude until the day after effective treatment has commenced	Not excluded
Rubella	Exclude for 4 days from appearance of rash and until fully recovered	Not excluded. Females of child-bearing age should ensure adequate immune status. Exclude non immune women
Scabies	Exclude until treatment has commenced	Not excluded
Streptococcal Infection	Exclude until recovered or has commenced 24 hours of antibiotics	Not excluded
Tuberculosis	Exclude until clearance certificate from Chief Medical Officer is provided	Not excluded
Typhoid Fever	Exclude until clearance certificate by GP is provided	Generally not excluded unless notice is given from Chief Medical Officer
Whooping Cough (Pertussis)	Exclude for 21 days from onset of cough or until antibiotic coverage for 5 days as recommended by Chief Health Officer	Exclude non immunized family members and close contacts under 7 years for 14 days after the last exposure to the infection or until antibiotic coverage for 5 days
Worms	Exclude until diarrhea ceases	Not excluded

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