

RECOMMENDATIONS

for Temporary Exclusion from a

SCHOOL SETTING



Students and faculty should be excluded from school activities for the following conditions:

- ◆ **Chicken pox (Varicella):** exclude until all lesions have dried and crusted or, in immunized children without crusts, until no new lesions appear within a 24-hour period.
- ◆ **Diarrheal diseases:** exclude while symptomatic only if person is unable to practice independent hygiene.
- ◆ **Haemophilus influenzae type B, invasive (Hib):** exclude until after 24 hours of antibiotic treatment.
- ◆ **HIV, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and other bloodborne diseases:** generally no exclusion; considerations may exist if there is potential for bloodborne exposure. Consult healthcare provider for guidance.
- ◆ **Hepatitis A:** exclude until one week after onset of illness.
- ◆ **Influenza and Influenza-like illness:** exclude as long as fever ≥ 100 degrees Fahrenheit is present in an unmedicated state. Additional exclusions may be necessary for documented novel strain or pandemic influenza based on state or federal guidance.
- ◆ **Measles:** exclude until four days after onset of rash.
- ◆ **Meningococcal disease (Neisseria meningitidis):** exclude until after 24 hours of antibiotic treatment.
- ◆ **Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA):** exclude only if confirmed MRSA is present from a wound in which drainage is occurring and cannot be covered and contained.
- ◆ **Mumps:** exclude until five days after the onset of parotid gland swelling.
- ◆ **Pertussis (Whooping cough):** exclude until completion of five days of appropriate antibiotic treatment. If appropriate antibiotic treatment is not received, exclude until 21 days after onset of symptoms.
- ◆ **Pink eye, head lice, ringworm, herpes gladiatorum, molluscum contagiosum, and skin rashes without fever:** generally no exclusion; considerations may exist for certain sports, extracurricular activities or behaviors that might increase risk of transmission. Consult healthcare provider for guidance.
- ◆ **Rubella:** exclude until seven days after onset of rash.
- ◆ **Scabies:** exclude until after treatment has been completed.
- ◆ **Shingles (Herpes zoster):** generally no exclusion if lesions can be covered. If lesions cannot be covered, exclude until rash or lesions have crusted over.
- ◆ **Strep throat and Streptococcal skin infections:** exclude until after 24 hours of antibiotic treatment.
- ◆ **Tuberculosis:** exclude until physician and Department of Health determine person is not infectious.

2015 Red Book, American Academy of Pediatrics, 30th Edition; 2013 Managing Infectious Diseases in Child Care and Schools, A Quick Reference Guide, American Academy of Pediatrics, 3rd Edition; 2015 Control of Communicable Diseases Manual, American Public Health Association, 20th Edition.

If you have questions about infectious diseases or immunizations,
contact the Department of Health or your physician.

South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Disease Prevention Services: 605-773-3737 or 800-592-1861

Local Disease Intervention Specialist: _____ Phone: _____

Local Community Health Nurse: _____ Phone: _____

See also Department of Health disease fact sheet website: <https://doh.sd.gov/diseases/infectious/diseasefacts/>

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