

Child Illnesses & Exclusion

Criteria for Education & Child Care Settings

ILLNESS	EXCLUDE	RETURN TO SCHOOL
Chicken Pox	Yes	When all blisters are crusted with no oozing (usually 6 days) & resolution of exclusion criteria.
Diarrhea (infectious)	Yes (there are special exclusion rules for Shigatoxin producing E.Coli (STEC), shigellosis & cryptosporidiosis)	When diarrhea stops & health care provider & public health official states the child may return.
Diarrhea (non-infectious)	Yes, if stool cannot be contained in the diaper, or if toiletted child has 2 or more loose stools in 24 hours, or blood in stool	When diarrhea stops & resolution of exclusion criteria.
Fifth Disease	No. Unless child meets other exclusion criteria	If excluded due to presence of other exclusion criteria, resolution of exclusion criteria.
Hand, Foot, & Mouth	No. Unless child meets other exclusion criteria. Or is excessively drooling with mouth sores	If excluded due to presence of other exclusion criteria, resolution of exclusion criteria.
Head Lice (Pediculosis)	No. Unless child meets other exclusion criteria.	Treatment of an active lice infestation may be delayed until the end of the day. Children do not need to miss school due to head lice.
Impetigo	Yes, exclude at the end of the day if blisters can be covered	After child has been seen by the doctor, after 24 hours on antibiotic, and blisters are covered.
Molluscum Contagiosum	No. Unless child meets other exclusion criteria.	Skin disease similar to warts. Do not share towels or clothing & use good hand hygiene.
MRSA	No. Unless child meets other exclusion criteria.	Wounds should be kept covered & gloves worn during bandage changes. Do not share towels or clothing & use good hand hygiene.
Otitis Media (ear infection)	No. Unless child meets other exclusion criteria.	If excluded due to presence of other exclusion criteria, resolution of exclusion criteria.
Pertussis (Whooping cough)	Yes	Child may return after 5 days of antibiotics & resolution of exclusion criteria.
Pink Eye (Conjunctivitis)	No. Unless child meets other exclusion criteria.	Child does not need to be excluded unless health care provider or public health official recommends exclusion. Resolution of all exclusion criteria.
Respiratory illness (cough & cold symptoms) includes influenza, COVID-19, and RSV	Yes	When child is fever free for 24 hours without use of a fever reducing medication AND respiratory symptoms are mild & improving.
Ringworm	No. Unless child meets other exclusion criteria	Treatment of ringworm infection may be delayed to the end of the day. Child may be readmitted after treatment has begun. Cover lesion(s) if possible. Do not share clothing, bedding or personal items.
Strep Throat	Yes	When resolution of exclusion criteria & after 24 hours on antibiotic
Vomiting	Yes	When vomiting has resolved & resolution of exclusion criteria

*Students with diarrhea, vomiting, and/or a fever of 100.5+ may return to school after 24 hours of being symptom free with no medication.