

Appendix 7

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

**Recommended
Minimum Exclusion Periods
From School, Pre-school and
Child Care facilities for children or
Staff with or exposed to Infectious Diseases**

CONDITION	CASES	CONTACTS
Chicken Pox	Exclude until fully recovered or at least 5 days after the eruption first appears. Note - some remaining scabs are not an indication for continued exclusion.	Any child with an immune deficiency (eg leukaemia or receiving chemotherapy) should be excluded for their own protection. Otherwise not excluded.
Conjunctivitis	Exclude until discharge from eyes has ceased.	Not excluded.
Diarrhoea (Rotavirus, Giardia, Salmonella, Campylobacter)	Exclude until diarrhoea has ceased.	Not excluded.
Diarrhoea (Shigella)	Preschools - cases may return to preschool once diarrhoea stops; however, they should be discouraged from sharing food with other children until 2 faecal cultures collected 24 hours apart are negative.	Not excluded.
Diphtheria	Exclude until medical certificate of recovery following at least 2 negative throat swabs, the first not less than 24 hours after cessation of antibiotic treatment and the other 48 hours later.	Exclude family/household contacts until cleared to return by an appropriate health authority.
Glandular fever	Exclusion is not necessary	Not excluded.
Hepatitis A	Exclude until receipt of a medical certificate of recovery but not before 7 days after the onset of jaundice.	Not excluded.
Hepatitis B	Exclusion is not necessary.	Not excluded.
Hepatitis C	Exclusion is not necessary.	Not excluded.
Human Immunodeficiency Virus infection (HIV)	Exclusion is not necessary unless the person has secondary infection requiring exclusion in its own right.	Not excluded.
Impetigo (School Sores)	Exclude until appropriate treatment has commenced and sores on exposed surfaces are covered with a dressing.	Not excluded.
Leprosy	Exclude until approval to return has been given by an appropriate health authority.	Not excluded.
Measles	Exclude for at least 4 days from the appearance of rash.	Immunised contacts not excluded. Non-immunised contacts should be excluded until 14 days after the first day of appearance of rash in the last case. If non-immunised contacts are vaccinated within 72 hours of their first contact with the index case, they may return to school.
Meningitis (Bacterial)	Exclude until well.	Not excluded.
Meningococcal Infection	Exclude until well.	Not excluded.
Mumps	Exclude for at least 9 days after the onset of symptoms.	Not excluded.
Poliomyelitis	Exclude for at least 14 days from onset. Re-admit on a medical certificate of recovery.	Not excluded.
Ringworm, Scabies, Pediculosis (Lice), Trachoma	Exclude until the day after treatment has commenced.	Not excluded.
Rubella (German Measles)	Exclude until fully recovered or for at least 4 days after the onset of rash.	Not excluded. Note: Female staff of childbearing age should ensure that their immune status against rubella is adequate.
Streptococcal Infection (Including Scarlet Fever)	Exclude until the person has received antibiotic treatment for at least 24 hours and the person feels well.	Not excluded.
Tuberculosis	Exclude until production of medical certificate from appropriate health authority.	Not excluded.
Typhoid and Paratyphoid fever	Exclude until production of a medical certificate of recovery.	Not excluded.
Whooping cough (Pertussis)	Exclude for 5 days after starting antibiotic treatment.	Exclude unimmunised household contacts aged less than 7 years for 14 days after the last exposure to infection or until they have received 5 days of a 14 day course of antibiotics.