

Guidelines to Control the Transmission of Communicable Diseases in School Settings				
Disease	Incubation	Symptoms	Patient exclusion	Contact exclusion
Chickenpox	14-21 days, usually 14-16 days.	Sudden onset of slight fever, rash that forms blisters then crusts	Until vesicles become dry, usually after 5 days in unimmunized children and 1-4 days with breakthrough varicella in immunized children.	None
Conjunctivitis	42-72 hours	Redness, swelling, pain, with white or yellow discharge	Until examined by a physician and approved for readmission, with treatment for purulent* conjunctivitis until after treatment has been initiated * pink or red conjunctiva with white or yellow eye discharge	In high risk populations, susceptible contacts may be excluded
CA-MRSA Community Associated Methicillin Resistant Staph Aureus	variable	Usually skin lesions, red inflamed and draining, may look like "spider bites"	None as long as open/draining wounds are covered with a bandage. Contact sports are prohibited until lesions are dry	None
Fifth Disease (Parvovirus)	4-20 days	Low grade fever "slapped cheek" facial rash, lace-like rash on trunk and extremities	While fever is present	None
Gastroenteritis	Variable	Vomiting and/or diarrhea	While diarrhea or vomiting is present	None
Hand Foot and Mouth Disease	Usually 3-5 days	Fever, sore throat, sore in the mouth, a rash with blisters	During acute stage, draining lesions on hand or lesions in the mouth if drooling	None
Hepatitis A	15-50 days	Sudden onset of fever, malaise, nausea, abdominal discomfort and jaundice	Until 7 days after onset of symptoms or 7 days after start of jaundice	None
Hepatitis B & C	2 weeks to 6 months	Often unrecognized, but can include: gradual onset of fever, nausea, abdominal discomfort, and jaundice	None	None
Influenza	1-3 days	Sudden onset of fever, chills, headache, muscle aches, sore throat, dry cough	None	Consider vaccination/anti-virals for high risk individuals
Pinworm	2-6 weeks	Often unrecognized, but can include: perianal itching, disturbed sleep, irritability	24 hours after treatment and bathing	None
Ringworm	4-10 days	Flat circular red rash, the center of which may be dry and scaly or moist and crusted	None if area can be covered and effective treatment started	None
Scabies	2-6 weeks before onset of itching.	Intensive itching especially in skin folds and webs of fingers	Until the day after treatment	None
Strep Throat, Scarlet Fever and Impetigo	1-3 days	Sore throat, fever and rash	Until after 24 hours of effective antibiotic treatment 2018 recommendation: 12 hrs of treatment	None
Whooping Cough (Pertussis)	6-20 days, usually 9-10 days	Cold symptoms followed by paroxysmal cough	Until 5 days after start of effective antibiotic treatment	Symptomatic exclusion only

