



Communicable Diseases – Specified List

Condition	Exclusion of Case
Chicken pox (Varicella-Zoster)	Exclude until all blisters have dried – this is usually at least 5 days after the rash first appeared...
Conjunctivitis	Exclude until discharge from eyes has stopped, unless a doctor has diagnosed non infectious conjunctivitis.
Coronavirus/COVID-19	Exclude for up to seven days. Earlier return is possible if symptoms have resolved.
Gastroenteritis	<p>Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion or vomiting for at least 24 hours</p> <p>If due to norovirus, the cause is unknown, or in a staff member who handles and prepares food, then exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion or vomiting for at least 48 hours.</p> <p>'Gastroenteritis' includes instances where certain pathogens are identified including Cryptosporidium, Campylobacter spp., Rotavirus, Salmonella spp., Shigella spp. and intestinal worms, but is not limited to infection with these pathogens.</p>
Giardiasis	Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours
Fungal Infections of the skin or (Ringworm, tinea)	Exclude until the day after starting appropriate fungal treatment
Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)	Exclude until the person has received appropriate antibiotic treatment for at least 4 days
Hand, foot and mouth disease	Exclude until all blisters have dried
Head lice (Pediculosis)	Not excluded if effective treatment begins before the next day at the workplace.
Hepatitis A	Exclude until a medical certificate of recovery is received and until at least seven days after the onset of jaundice.
Herpes simplex (Cold sores)	Exclusion not necessary but sores should be covered by a dressing where possible.
Impetigo (School sores)	Exclude until appropriate antibiotic treatment has commenced. Sores on exposed skin should be covered with a watertight dressing.
Influenza and Influenza like illnesses	Exclude until the person is well
Measles	Exclude for 4 days after the onset of rash

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Meningitis (bacterial)	Exclude until well and has received appropriate antibiotics.
Meningitis (viral)	Exclude until the person is well
Meningococcal infection	Exclude until antibiotic treatment has been completed
Mumps	Exclude for 9 days or until swelling goes down (whichever is sooner)
Pertussis (whooping cough)	Exclude until 5 days after starting appropriate antibiotic treatment or from 21 days after the onset of coughing.
Pneumococcal disease	Exclude until person is well
Rubella (German Measles)	Exclude until fully recovered or for at least 4 days from the onset of the rash
Scabies	Exclude until the day after starting appropriate treatment
Shingles (Herpes Zoster)	Exclude until blisters have dried usually five days after their appearance
Streptococcal throat (including scarlet fever)	Exclude until antibiotic treatment received for at least 24 hours and person feels well
Tuberculosis (TB)	Exclude until medical certificate is produced from the appropriate authority

Contact Details

For further information about communicable diseases leave please contact HR Payroll via e-mail:
HRPayroll@education.tas.gov.au.

Associated Reference Documents and Materials

NHMRC *Staying Healthy: Preventing infectious diseases in early childhood education and care services*, 5th edition (available here: [ch55-staying-healthy.pdf \(nhmrc.gov.au\)](https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/ch55-staying-healthy.pdf)) is the recommended resource to guide exclusion periods for education facilities.

Communicable Diseases Network Australia (CDNA) Series of National Guidelines
<https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/cdnasongs.htm>

Tasmanian Department of Health Infectious disease guides and factsheets
<https://www.health.tas.gov.au/health-topics/infectious-diseases/infectious-diseases-guides-and-factsheets>

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