

Controlling Infectious Disease to Maintain a Healthy Education Environment – Quick Reference Guide

The following information, taken from the above titled document, is a summary of the period to keep individuals away from an education setting for various infections or complaints

Infection or Complaint	Period individual to be kept away from education setting
Rashes / Skin Infections	
Athletes foot	None, attendance at discretion of health care professional
Chickenpox	Until all vesicles (blisters) have crusted over
Cold sores (Herpes simplex)	None, attendance at discretion of health care professional
German measles (rubella)	Four days from onset of rash
Hand, foot and mouth	None, attendance at discretion of health care professional
Impetigo	Until affected areas are crusted and healed, or 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment
Measles	Four days from onset of rash
Molluscum contagiosum	None, attendance at discretion of health care professional
Ringworm	None, attendance at discretion of health care professional
Roseola (infantum)	None, attendance at discretion of health care professional
Scabies	Individual can return after first treatment
Scarlet fever	Individual can return 24 hours after starting appropriate antibiotic treatment
Slapped cheek / Fifth disease (Parvovirus B19)	None (once rash has developed) attendance at discretion of health care professional
Shingles	Individual only to be kept away from setting if rash is weeping and cannot be covered
Warts and verrucae	None, attendance at discretion of health care professional
Diarrhoea and Vomiting Illness	
Diarrhoea and or vomiting	48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting
E. coli O157 VTEC Typhoid [and paratyphoid] (enteric fever) Shigella (dysentery)	Should be kept away from setting for 48 hours from the last episode or diarrhoea. Some individuals may need to be kept away from setting until they are no longer excreting.
Cryptosporidiosis	Keep away from setting for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea
Respiratory Illness	
Flu (influenza)	Until recovered
Tuberculosis	Always consult your local Health Protection Team
Whooping cough (pertussis)	48 hours from starting antibiotic treatment, or 21 days from onset of illness if no antibiotic treatment.
Other Infections	
Conjunctivitis	None, attendance at discretion of health care professional
Diphtheria	Must not attend setting. Always consult with your local Health Protection Team
Glandular Fever	None, attendance at discretion of health care professional
Head lice	None, attendance at discretion of health care professional
Hepatitis A	Individuals should be kept away from setting until 7 days after onset of jaundice (or 7 days after symptom onset if no jaundice)
Hepatitis B, C, HIV/AIDS	None, attendance at discretion of health care professional
Meningococcal meningitis / septicaemia	Until recovered
Meningitis due to other bacteria	Until recovered
Meningitis viral	None, attendance at discretion of health care professional
MRSA	None, attendance at discretion of health care professional
Mumps	Keep away from setting for five days after onset of swelling
Threadworms	None, attendance at discretion of health care professional
Tonsillitis	None, attendance at discretion of health care professional
	<i>See full document - Section 7 – Pregnant Women and Section 8 – Vulnerable Individuals</i>

The full document is available on the Health & Safety Hwb Network and should be consulted for further information.