

# School Exclusion Periods

If your child has an infectious condition, you may need to keep them home from day care or school to stop it from spreading. Here's a list of common childhood illnesses and their recommended exclusion periods.



## Chickenpox

Until all blisters have dried (usually 5 days).



## Colds

No exclusion period.



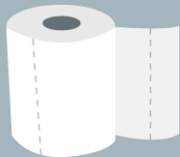
## Conjunctivitis

Until discharge (pus) from the eyes has stopped.



## COVID-19

If positive COVID-19 test, stay home until acute symptoms go.



## Diarrhoea

1 day after the last loose bowel motion (if no cause is identified).



## Gastroenteritis

1 day after the last loose bowel motion (if no cause is identified).



## Hand, foot and mouth disease

Until all blisters have dried.



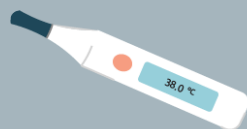
## Head lice

No exclusion period (as long as effective treatment has started).



## Impetigo

Until 48 hours after treatment or once sores have dried and healed.



## Influenza (flu)

Until well.



## Measles

At least 4 days after the first rash.



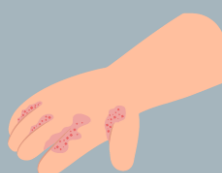
## Mumps

9 days or until the swelling goes down.



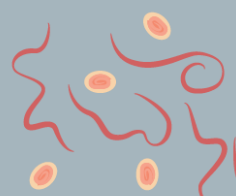
## Rubella

At least 4 days after the first rash or until they have recovered fully.



## Scabies

1 day after appropriate treatment has started.



## Threadworms

No exclusion period.



## Whooping cough

5 days after antibiotics started, or 21 days from the first cough.