



Exclusion from daycare or school for common childhood illnesses

	How it spreads	Exclusion
BRONCHIOLITIS	Mucous, saliva, airborne droplets from coughing ¹	No requirement for exclusion ¹
COLD SORES	Fluid from blisters ¹	If sores cannot be covered and person too young for hygiene practices, exclude until sores are dry ¹
COMMON COLD	Mucous, saliva, airborne droplets from coughing ¹	No requirement for exclusion ¹
CONJUNCTIVITIS	Discharge from eyes ¹	Until eye discharge has stopped ^{1,2}
CROUP	Mucous, saliva, airborne droplets from coughing ¹	No requirement for exclusion ¹
CHICKENPOX	Mucous, saliva, fluid from blisters ¹	Until all the blisters have dried, and at least 5 days after the rash started ^{1,2}
FLU LIKE ILLNESSES	Mucous, saliva, airborne droplets from coughing ¹	Until symptoms are gone ¹
GASTROENTERITIS (GASTRO)	Contact with contaminated faeces or vomit ¹	Until 24 hours after vomiting or diarrhoea stops ^{1,2}
HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE	Mucous, saliva, fluid from blisters, faeces ¹	Until all the blisters are crusted and dry ^{1,2}

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HEAD LICE	Head-to head contact with an affected person ¹	Until the day after treatment begins ^{1,2}
MOLLUSCUM CONTAGIOSUM	Skin-to-skin contact, or contact with contaminated clothes/towels ¹	No requirement for exclusion ¹
SCABIES	Skin-to-skin contact, or contact with contaminated clothes/towels/bedding/ household items ¹	Until the day after starting treatment ^{1,2}
SCHOOL SORES (IMPETIGO)	Direct contact with sores ¹	Until antibiotic treatment has started, and sores are covered with waterproof dressings ^{1,2}
STREPTOCOCCAL SORE THROAT	Mucous, saliva, airborne droplets from coughing ¹	Until 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment ^{1,2}
TINEA	Skin-to-skin contact, or contact with contaminated items (e.g. towels) ¹	Until 24 hours after starting antifungal treatment ¹
WARTS	Skin-to-skin contact, or contact with contaminated items (e.g. towels) ¹	No requirement for exclusion ^{1,2}
WHOOPING COUGH	Mucous, saliva, airborne droplets from coughing ¹	Until 5 days after starting antibiotic treatment, or from 21 days after start of cough if no antibiotics taken ^{1,2}
WORMS	Contact with contaminated faeces, or with contaminated clothes/towels/bedding/ household items ¹	Only if loose bowel motions are occurring ^{1,2}

References

1) Government of Western Australia Department of Health, 2015. Communicable disease guidelines: For teachers, childcare workers, local government authorities and medical practitioners

2) National Health and Medical Research Council, 2013. Staying Healthy: Preventing infectious diseases in early childhood education and care services.

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