

Fleming County Schools Health Services
Communicable Disease Reference Guide for Schools

Disease	Isolation Period/Follow-up
Chicken Pox (Varicella)	Exclude until all of the student's lesions are crusted over, usually 7-8 days. Vaccinate susceptible contacts within 3 days of exposure
Fifth Disease	There is no need to exclude. Once rash has appeared they are no longer contagious
German Measles	Exclude for at least 7 days after rash appears.
Hand, Foot, Mouth (Coxsackie)	Excluded until lesions are not actively draining, student is without fever for at least 24 hours, and if rash is still present healthcare provider statement that the student is not contagious.
Head lice	Exclude for active infestation
Hepatitis A	Exclude for 7 days after onset of jaundice, or in the absence of jaundice, up to 2 weeks after the onset of symptoms
Impetigo	Exclude until treated with antibiotics for a full 24 hours, is without fever for a full 24 hours, and statement from healthcare provider stating the student is not contagious
Measles	Exclude for at least 4 days after rash appears.
Meninogoccal Disease or Bacterial Meningitis	Exclude until student has received effective antibiotic treatment for 24 hours and is able to participate in normal daily activities.
Mono (Mononucleosis)	Exclude until the student has been without fever for at least 24 hours and is well enough to participate in normal daily activities. Students who play sports should be excluded from activities until released by the healthcare provider
MRSA	Exclude until wound is able to be covered without oozing beyond the bandage, antibiotic treatment has been started and statement from healthcare provider stating that the student is not contagious
Mumps	Exclude for 5 days after the onset of swelling of parotid gland swelling, and statement from healthcare provider stating the student is not contagious
Pink eye (Conjunctivitis)	If purulent drainage, exclude until 24 hours after treatment has begun and until no drainage is coming from the eye
Ringworm	Exclude until 24 hours after appropriate treatment has begun and statement from healthcare provider stating the student is not contagious
Roseola	Exclude until student has been without fever for 24 hours and statement from healthcare provider that the student is not contagious.
Scabies	Exclude until 24 hours after treatment has begun and statement from healthcare provider stating that the student is not contagious
Shigellosis	Exclude until student has had neither diarrhea nor fever for 24 hours. Ensure careful handwashing after toilet use.
Strep throat	Exclude until the student has been treated for 24 hours with antibiotics, and has been without a fever for 24 hours
Tuberculosis	Exclude until released by healthcare provider that the student is not contagious
Whooping Cough	Exclude for 5 days after antibiotic treatment has begun and released from healthcare provider that the student is not contagious.

Fever: Students are excluded from school if they have a fever 100.5 or greater OR a temperature less than 100.5 with unusual lethargy, irritability, persistent crying, difficulty breathing or other signs of severe illness.

Diarrhea Illness: Students are excluded from school if they have an increased number of stools compared with their normal pattern (watery stool or decreased form) OR have stools not contained by diapers /toilet use.

Vomiting Illness: Students are excluded from school if they have two or more vomiting episodes in a 24 hour period of time. If healthcare provider statement indicates that a student can return to school, then the student may attend school.

Rash Illness: A student with a rash should be excluded from school until the rash is resolved unless he/she has a current statement from healthcare provider stating that the student may return to school. If student returns to school with a rash or draining sore, school must require a statement for the student's healthcare provider stating that the student may return to school.

Upper Respiratory Infection, Colds and Viral Outbreaks: There is not public health recommendations for exclusion at this time. However, student should be well enough to perform normal daily activities. In situations where extensive outbreaks affect cost effective operation of the school, closure is an administrative decision.