



Los Angeles County
Common Infectious Diseases among School-Aged Children
School Outbreak and Exclusion Criteria

Disease	Outbreak Definition	Student can return...
Head Lice	Minimum of 5 cases in a linked setting (common classroom, team, etc.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidance on Head Lice Prevention and Control for School Districts and Childcare Facilities: CDPH (Revised March 2018)¹ 	With confirmation of treatment and no live lice.
MRSA	Minimum of 3 cases or suspected cases with symptoms consistent with MRSA occurring within 3 to 5 days and within a linked setting.	No exclusion; however, ensure no fever and can adequately cover infected area.
HFMD	Minimum of 5 confirmed or suspected cases with symptoms consistent with HFMD occurring within 3 to 5 days and within a linked setting.	24 hours after resolution of fever and mouth sores have healed.
Conjunctivitis	Minimum of 5 confirmed or suspected cases with symptoms consistent with conjunctivitis occurring within 3 to 5 days and within a linked setting.	24 hours after resolution of symptoms.
Norovirus	Minimum of 3 cases or suspected cases with symptoms consistent with norovirus occurring within 3 to 5 days and within a linked setting. Resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean-Up and Disinfection for Norovirus (“Stomach Bug”)² Norovirus Toolkit for School and Childcare Center Outbreaks³ Norovirus Toolkit for Camp Outbreaks⁴ 	48 hours after resolution of symptoms.
Influenza	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 10% of average daily attendance absent with respiratory illness sustained over a 3-day period facility wide; OR 20% of an epidemiologically-linked group (such as a single classroom, sports team, or after-school group) with respiratory illness, with a minimum of 5 ill, sustained over a 3-day period. 	24 hours after resolution of fever. Student might have a lingering cough—this is not a reason for exclusion.

To report suspected outbreaks or other reportable diseases or conditions,
 contact the Communicable Disease Reporting System
 Tel: (888) 397-3993 – Fax: (888) 397-3778 or (213) 482-5508

This guidance and additional information are available at:
www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/schoolprotocols.htm

For questions or requests for additional materials email: acdc2@ph.lacounty.gov

¹ <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/docs/HeadLiceCDPHSchoolGuidance2018.pdf>

² <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/publications/NorovirusIncident-English-Color-05092017.pdf>

³ <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Norovirus-School-Toolkit.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/NorovirusToolkitforCampOutbreaks.pdf>