



BUCKS COUNTY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

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COMMUNICABLE DISEASE EXCLUSION PROCEDURE

If a communicable disease is suspected, the parent will be notified. The child will be excluded from school and will not be readmitted before the minimum number of days designated by the State and Local Departments of Health. A note from the student's healthcare provider will be required as noted.

Chicken Pox: Six days from onset of the first crop of vesicles (blisters/"pox") or when all lesions are dried and crusted, whichever is sooner.

Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye):

Bacterial Conjunctivitis: Excluded until prescribed treatment has been given for 24 hours or with a note from your student's healthcare provider permitting earlier return.

Viral Conjunctivitis: May return when discharge has resolved.

COVID-19: May return after being fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication.

Diphtheria: Excluded for 2 weeks from onset or until a negative culture test is obtained.

Impetigo: Excluded until 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment.

Infectious Mononucleosis (Mono): May attend school as directed by a healthcare provider and based on the student's sense of well-being. Excluded from all physical education until cleared by healthcare provider. A note from the student's healthcare provider is required for the return to school and return to physical education.

Measles: Excluded until four days after onset of rash.

Meningitis: Excluded until deemed non-infective by a healthcare provider or after a course of medication as prescribed by the student's healthcare provider.

Mumps: Excluded until nine days after onset or until swelling subsides.

Pediculosis Capitis (Head Lice): Excluded until after first treatment with a pediculicide shampoo and combed for nit removal.

Pediculosis Corpora (Body Lice): Excluded until completion of treatment as prescribed by healthcare provider.

Pertussis (Whooping Cough): Excluded three weeks from onset or five days after start of antibiotic treatment.

Ringworm: Excluded until treatment is instituted and rash is covered. Dried lesions need not be covered.

Rubella (German Measles): Excluded four days after the onset of rash.

Scabies: Excluded until after completion of treatment as prescribed by the healthcare provider.

Streptococcal Pharyngitis (Strep Throat, Scarlet Fever): Excluded until 24 hours after antibiotic treatment has begun and student is fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication.

Trachoma: May return 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment.

Tuberculosis: Excluded for a minimum of 2 weeks after beginning treatment as prescribed by the healthcare provider. Student must also have three consecutive sputum smears. A note is required from the healthcare provider indicating the student is non-communicable, which must be submitted prior to readmission to school.