

E.2 Quick-Look at Return to School Guidelines

ILLNESS	RETURN
Chicken Pox	6 days after lesions appear or earlier if they are crusted and dry and no new lesions are forming
Fifth's Disease	Fever free for 24 hours
Flu/COVID/RSV	Fever free for 24 hours
Gastroenteritis	Free from vomiting & diarrhea for 24 hours
HFM Disease	Fever-free and feeling well
Head Lice	After treatment is complete
Hepatitis A, B or C	When released by HCP
Impetigo	24 hours after treatment is started, oozing lesions should be covered
Measles (Rubeola)	Fever free for 24 hours and rash is fading (usually 5-7 days)
Meningitis	When released by HCP
Molluscum	No exclusion; keep exposed areas covered
Mono	Exclusion is not necessary, do not share food or utensils May need to avoid contact sports
Mumps	9 days after the swelling of the parotid glands or when released by HCP
Pink Eye	After consulting HCP and redness/discharge is improving
Ringworm	After treatment is started
Scabies	After treatment is started
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after treatment is started and is fever free
Shingles	May attend school if lesions can be covered; if unable to cover they should be excluded until the lesions are crusted and dry
Strep Throat	24 hours after treatment is started and is fever free
TB	Written permission from MSDH to return
Whooping Cough	5 days after treatment has begun and when released by HCP

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