

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

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The following rules and regulations have been established by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, which concerns the *more common* communicable diseases:

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Minimum period of isolation of patient</u>	<u>Minimum period of of quarantine of contacts</u>
Chicken Pox	Until lesions have dried and crusted, or until no new lesions appear, usually by the fifth day	Susceptible students and staff, who are not appropriately immunized or are without laboratory evidence of immunity or a reliable history of chicken pox, shall be excluded from school from the tenth through the 21 st days after their last exposure
German Measles	No Restrictions	No Restrictions
Measles	Four days from appearance of rash	No Restrictions
Mumps	One week from onset of disease or until all swelling has subsided, whichever, is sooner	No Restrictions
Whooping Cough (Pertussis)	Three weeks from beginning of spasmodic cough	No Restrictions
Scarlet Fever or	Twenty-four hours with Antibiotic therapy as long as Therapy is continued for 10 days. One week if not on Antibiotic therapy	No Restrictions