

## Deschutes County Health Services COMMUNICABLE DISEASE EXCLUSION GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOLS AND CHILD CARE SETTINGS

Symptoms requiring exclusion of a child from school or childcare setting until either diagnosed and cleared by a licensed health care provider or recovery.

- FEVER:** ANY fever greater than 100.5° F., may return when temperature decreases without use of fever-reducing medicine.
- VOMITING:** > 2 in the preceding 24 hours, unless determined to be from non-communicable conditions. May return when resolved.
- DIARRHEA:** 3 or more watery or loose stools in 24 hours. May return when resolved for 24 hours.
- STIFF NECK:** ANY headache with accompanying fever. May return after resolution of symptoms or diagnosis made and clearance given.
- RASHES:** ANY new onset of rash if accompanied by fever; may return after rash resolves or if clearance given by health care providers.
- SKIN LESIONS:** Drainage that can not be contained within a bandage.
- JAUNDICE:** Yellowing of eyes or skin. May return after diagnosis from physician and clearance given.
- BEHAVIOR CHANGE:** Such as new onset of irritability, lethargy or somnolence.
- COUGH /SOB:** Persistent cough with or without fever, serious sustained coughing, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing.
- SYMPTOMS** or complaints that prevent the student from active participation in usual school activities, or student requiring more care than the school staff can safely provide.

Inform local county health department, (LHD), of all diseases listed as reportable. The local county health department should be consulted regarding any written communication that may be developed to inform parents/guardians about disease outbreaks, risk to students, families, and staff and/or control measures specific to an outbreak.

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<b>ABSCESSSES / BOILS</b> DRAINING WOUNDS STAPH SKIN INFECTION INCLUDING MRSA	<b>EXCLUDE:</b> For open draining wounds, <b>RESTRICTION: MAY</b> <b>ATTEND:</b> If drainage can be contained within bandage; or lesion is dry and crusted without drainage. <b>REPORT: NO</b>	Open, pimple-like sores that are swollen, tender; may be crusted or draining pus.	<b>Direct contact</b> with infectious bodily fluids. <b>Indirect contact</b> with articles contaminated with drainage. <b>Communicable</b> as long as sores are open, draining and untreated	Cover wounds. Proper handwashing.	No foodservice duties while lesions are present. Good personal hygiene. Proper handwashing
<b>AIDS / HIV</b> ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME	<b>EXCLUDE: NO</b> <b>RESTRICTION: NO</b> <b>REPORT: YES HCP should report NOT school nurse to LHD</b> <i>In the absence of blood exposure, HIV infection is not acquired through the types of contact that usually occur in a school setting, including contact with saliva or tears. Hence, children with HIV infection should not be excluded from school for the protection of others.</i> <small>AAP-Redbook 2006, p.396</small>	HIV infection in children is a broad spectrum of disease and clinical course. AIDS represents the most severe end of the clinical spectrum of this disease.	<b>Bloodborne Pathogen</b> Sexual contact, mucous membrane contact with blood or other body fluids with high titers of HIV, percutaneous (needles or other sharp instruments), and mother-to-infant. <b>Communicable</b> lifetime; With changing infectivity based on viral load.	Children infected with HIV are at an increased risk of experiencing severe complications from infections such as varicella, tuberculosis, measles, CMV and herpes simplex virus. Schools should develop procedures for notifying parents of communicable diseases such as varicella and measles.	Standard Precautions while dealing with blood or body fluids. Report all exposures of body fluid contact to broken skin / mucous membranes to Risk Management. See: "Guidelines for Schools with Children who have bloodborne infections" - Oregon Health Division.

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<b>ATHLETE'S FOOT</b> <i>TINEA PEDIS</i> Fungal infection of the feet. Similar in nature to <i>Tinea corporis</i> (ringworm of skin).	<b>EXCLUDE: NO</b> <b>RESTRICTION: NO</b> <b>REPORT: NO</b>	Scaling, cracking skin between toes with burning and itching. Blistering with thin watery fluid.	Direct contact with lesions  Indirect contact with contaminated articles (shower and gym floors).  Communicable until treated with antifungal medications. Direct contact with infectious body fluids, drainage from blisters. Indirect contact with items contaminated with secretion. Airborne Chickenpox may be transmitted through nasal secretions.	Proper foot hygiene. Clean, dry feet and socks.  Use of drying absorbent antifungal powders.  Use own towels and socks. Vaccine recommended to individuals 12 months and older.  Good Handwashing Avoid touching sores.  Cover mouth and nose when coughing, or sneezing.  Teachers of young children and women of childbearing age should know their immune status or be immunized.	Routine disinfection of school showers and floors with approved antifungal agents.  Recommend use of thongs in showers.  Prohibit walking barefoot, sharing of towels, socks or shoes. The vaccine is 95% effective in preventing MODERATE to SEVERE DISEASE, but only 70% to 85% effective in preventing MILD to MODERATE disease.  Cases of varicella may occur in some vaccinated persons following exposure to wild-type virus. This is called breakthrough infection. Breakthrough infection is varicella to wild-type varicella zoster virus and usually results in mild illness. Nonetheless, breakthrough varicella is contagious and can lead to transmission of virus to those unvaccinated and at risk for complications, such as adults, immunocompromised individuals, and pregnant women.
<b>CHICKEN POX</b> <i>VARICELLA</i> Primary infection results in a generalized rash.  <b>See Also SHINGLES</b> The recurrent infection with the virus is called shingles.  <i>The virus is believed to have a short survival time outside the infected host. Humans are the only source for this disease.</i> <b>CDC Pink book</b> <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/nip/diseases/varicella/">www.cdc.gov/nip/diseases/varicella/</a>	<b>EXCLUDE: NO</b> <b>RESTRICTION: NO</b> <b>REPORT: NO</b>	Rash is a thin-walled, easily ruptured, blister-like rash, or red rash usually beginning on trunk; blisters scab over. Heaviest on trunk.  <b>EXCLUDE: YES.</b>  <b>CASE:</b> until a minimum of 5 days after first vesicles (pox) appear, or until all pox are dry. Whichever occurs last.  <b>CONTACTS:</b> In an outbreak situation consultation with LHD for exclusion.  <b>REPORT: YES,</b> for outbreak situations.	Direct contact with mucous membranes, saliva. Vertical from mother to fetus/infant.  Incubation variable, 3 weeks to 3 months following blood transfusion, longer for saliva, household or vertical transmission. <b>Communicable</b> Virus secreted in saliva/urine for many months, and may persist for years.	Good handwashing, personal hygiene.  Cover mouth and nose when coughing, or sneezing.  No food sharing.	Standard Precautions when dealing with body fluids  Women of childbearing age or immunocompromised individuals should consult with personal physician regarding risks while caring for children identified as carriers of CMV.  Most children will be asymptomatic and undiagnosed.
<b>CMV</b> <i>CYTOMEGALOVIRUS</i> Caused by a human herpes virus. Most severe form of the disease affects perinatally infected infants, premature infants, and the immunocompromised. <b>AAP-Redbook 2006, p332</b>	<b>EXCLUDE: NO</b> <b>RESTRICTION: NO</b> <b>REPORT: NO</b>	Asymptomatic infections are common. A mononucleosis-like illness with fever may occur.	Direct contact with mucous membranes, saliva. Vertical from mother to fetus/infant.  Incubation variable, 3 weeks to 3 months following blood transfusion, longer for saliva, household or vertical transmission. <b>Communicable</b> Virus secreted in saliva/urine for many months, and may persist for years.	Good handwashing, personal hygiene.  Cover mouth and nose when coughing, or sneezing.  No food sharing.	1%-4% of vaccinees may have a varicella-like illness, with fewer than 10 lesions post-vaccination.  Standard Precautions when dealing with body fluids  Women of childbearing age or immunocompromised individuals should consult with personal physician regarding risks while caring for children identified as carriers of CMV.  Most children will be asymptomatic and undiagnosed.

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<b>COLD SORES</b> HERPES SIMPLEX Oral HSV infections are common among children. Most are asymptomatic, with shedding of the virus in saliva in the absence of clinical disease.	<b>EXCLUDE: NO</b> <b>RESTRICTION: YES</b> Limit PE activities that would involve physical contact if active lesions cannot be covered. <b>REPORT: NO</b>	Blister-like sores erupting around mouth.	Direct Contact from sores to mucous membranes such as kissing, or to abraded skin such as contact sports such as wrestling. Incubation 2 - 12 days Communicable most infectious during blister phase, can be spread at other times.	Good Handwashing Avoid touching sores Avoid sharing lip balms, lipsticks, etc.  Limit/restrict P.E. activities that would involve contact while blisters are present.	Avoid contact sports while blisters are present. E.g. wrestling, rugby.  <b>DO NOT</b> share sports bottles.  Appropriate cleaning of wrestling mats at least daily and preferably between matches. (Bleach ¼ cup to 1 gallon water) <b>AAP Redbook</b>
<b>COMMON COLDS - RTI</b> RESPIRATORY TRACT INFECTIONS RHINOVIRUSES ADENOVIRUSES CORONAVIRUSES	<b>EXCLUDE:</b> if fever is present. May return when fever resolves. <b>RESTRICTION:</b> Consider if number of cases in school exceeds expected. <b>REPORT: NO</b>	Runny nose and watery eyes, cough, sneezing, possible sore throat, chills, general malaise  Fever uncommon.	Direct contact with nose and throat secretions Airborne droplets. Indirect contact with contaminated articles. Incubation 12-72 hours, 48 hours common. Communicable 1 day before onset of symptoms until 5 days after. <b>Same as for colds, flu, and bronchitis</b>  <i>Antibiotics NOT indicated.</i>	Cover mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing.  Good Handwashing.  <i>Antibiotics NOT indicated</i>	Practice good personal hygiene.  Cover mouth and nose when coughing, sneezing.  Encourage good hand washing.  Make tissues available to students.
<b>CROUP</b> CAUSED BY VIRUSES, ADENOVIRUSES, RSV, PARAINFLUENZA,	<b>EXCLUDE: NO</b> <b>RESTRICTION: NO</b> <b>REPORT: NO</b>	The classic sign of croup is a loud, harsh, barking cough — which often comes in bursts at night. Your child's breathing may be labored or noisy.		Cover mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing.  Good Handwashing.	Practice good personal hygiene.  Cover mouth and nose when coughing, sneezing.  Encourage good hand washing.  Make tissues available to students.
<b>DIARRHEAL DISEASES</b>	<b>EXCLUDE:</b> Exclude all children with acute vomiting or diarrhea <b>RESTRICTION: YES</b> <b>NO</b> foodservice work until diarrhea resolved for 72 hours. <b>REPORT:</b> Cluster illnesses. In outbreak situations, duration of exclusion will be pathogen dependant.	3 or more loose, watery stools within 24 hours. Cramps, chills, weakness, dizziness, and abdominal pain.	<b>Fecal-Oral.</b> Contaminated hand-to-mouth contact. Related to poor hygiene. Common source outbreaks have been related to infected foodservice workers, contaminated food or water. Incubation variable depending on organism <b>Communicable</b> variable depending on organism	Good handwashing especially after toileting.  NO food handling.  NO food sharing.  NO cafeteria duties.	Encourage good hand washing.  Make tissues available to students. <b>NO</b> cafeteria duty / food handling  Enforce handwashing routines in all foodservice areas.  Handwashing after diapering or assisting with toileting of children.  No home-prepared, unpackaged food from home shall be shared
<b>DIPHTHERIA</b> CORYNEBACTERIUM DIPHTHERIAE Diphtheria is rare in the United States. In 1993 and 1994, more than 50,000 cases were reported during a serious outbreak of diphtheria in countries of the former Soviet Union.	<b>EXCLUDE: YES</b> exclude from school or child care facilities until two cultures from both throat and nose taken >24 hours apart and >24 hours after cessation of antimicrobial therapy are negative for diphtheria bacilli. <b>REPORT: YES.</b> Notify LHD immediately.	<b>Respiratory diphtheria</b> Presents as a sore throat with low-grade fever and an adherent membrane of the tonsils, pharynx, or nose. It is toxin-producing strains of <i>Corynebacterium diphtheriae</i> <b>Cutaneous Diphtheria</b> A wound infection may have patches of a sticky, gray material.	<b>Airborne droplet</b> direct or indirect contact with infected respiratory secretions Incubation 2-4 days with a range of 1 -10 days <b>Communicable</b> contagious for up to two weeks, but seldom more than four weeks. If the patient is treated with appropriate antibiotics, the contagious period can be limited to less than four days	Vaccine recommended to individuals at 2, 4, 6, 16-18 months and boosters. Part of the DTP and Td and Dt vaccines.  Avoid touching sores.  Cover mouth and nose when coughing, or sneezing.	<b>Diphtheria is vaccine preventable. All children should be vaccinated.</b>  Notify local health department for assistance with investigation and protection of identified contacts.  Attendance of students exempted from immunization because of medical or religious exemptions, should be discussed with local health department

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<b>FIFTH DISEASE</b> PARVOVIRUS B19	<b>EXCLUDE: NO</b> <b>RESTRICTION: NONE</b> <b>REPORT: OUTBREAKS</b>	Bright red cheeks, blotchy "lace-like" appearing rash on extremities that fades and recurs. Runny nose, loss of appetite, low-grade fever, and/or sore throat.	No longer contagious after rash appears. <b>Airborne droplet direct or indirect contact with infected respiratory secretions</b> <b>Incubation 4 - 20 days.</b> <b>Communicable Greatest before onset of rash.</b>	Good handwashing. Cover mouth and nose when coughing/sneezing.	Exposed pregnant women should consult with their physician. Exposed immunocompromised individuals should consult with their physician.
<b>FLU</b> INFLUENZA	<b>EXCLUDE:</b> for fever over 101.5 F or persistent cough <b>RESTRICTION: NO</b> <b>REPORT: YES</b> for Outbreak situations	Acute onset of fever, chills, headache, muscle aches, cough, and sore throat.	<b>Airborne droplet direct or indirect contact with infected respiratory secretions.</b> <b>Incubation 24 - 72 hours</b> <b>Communicable 3 - 5 days</b> before onset of symptoms, and up to 7 days following illness. <b>Control of Communicable Diseases</b>	Good handwashing. Cover mouth and nose when coughing/sneezing.	Encourage vaccine for high risk persons. Good personal hygiene.
<b>HAND, FOOT &amp; MOUTH</b> COXSACKIEVIRUSES	<b>EXCLUDE: NO</b> <b>RESTRICTION: YES</b> for open draining lesions or drooling in childcare or daycare settings. <b>REPORT: NO</b>	Sudden onset of fever, sore throat, and lesions in mouth, blisters on palms, fingers, and feet.	<b>Direct contact with infectious body fluids, (nose and throat discharges, feces).</b> <b>Incubation 3 - 6 days</b> <b>Communicable during acute stage of illness and viral shed for weeks in stool.</b>	Good handwashing.	Standard Precautions
<b>HEAD LICE</b> PEDICULOSIS <i>Adult head lice cannot survive for more than 48 hours apart from the human host.</i> <i>The ABC's of Safe and Healthy Childcare - CDC</i>	<b>EXCLUDE: PER</b> local school district policy. <b>RESTRICTION: Readmit</b> with statement from parent/guardian that recognized treatment has begun. Per school policy. <b>REPORT: NO</b>	Itching of scalp, observations of lice, and or nits (small grayish-brown eggs) in the hair or hair shaft.	<b>Direct contact with infested person.</b> <b>Indirect contact with infested articles, (hats, helmets, combs, brushes)</b> <b>Incubation 7-14 days</b> <b>Communicable as long as eggs and/or lice remains on the infested person.</b>	Treat hair with medicated shampoo and remove all nits. Check household members for lice / nits Do not share headgear, combs, or brushes. Flea bombs are NOT recommended for Hepatitis A vaccine and/or Immune globulin.	Refer to school head lice policy Screen siblings, friends, classmates Recommend washing clothes, hats, scarves, and bedding in very hot water, and vacuuming carpets. Wash combs and brushes in hot water or send through dishwasher cycle.
<b>HEPATITIS A</b> HEPATITIS A VIRUS <i>Schoolroom exposure generally does not pose an appreciable risk of infection and IG administration is not indicated when a single case occurs. However, IG may be considered if transmission within the school setting is documented.</i> <i>AAP-Redbook 2006 P 335</i>	<b>EXCLUDE: YES</b> - for daycare and special settings and in general until one-week after onset of symptoms. May attend with LHD permission. <b>RESTRICTION: YES</b> <b>NO Foodservice work</b> until cleared by Health Officer, may return with clearance by LHD <b>REPORT: YES</b>	Acute onset of fever, malaise, anorexia, nausea, right upper quadrant pain and later jaundice (yellow color to skin and eyes), dark urine, or clay-colored stool. Depending on age child may be asymptomatic to mild symptoms.	<b>Fecal-Oral Contaminated hand-to-mouth contact.</b> Related to poor hygiene. Common source outbreaks have been related to infected foodservice workers, contaminated food or water, range 15 - 50 days <b>Communicable for 2 weeks</b> before symptoms until 2 weeks after symptoms appear.	Good handwashing. NO food service / cafeteria work until cleared. No sharing of food or drink.	Enforce handwashing protocols for ALL foodservice workers. Vaccine recommended for children living in US communities with consistently high hepatitis A rates. Notify local health department for assistance with investigation and protection of identified contacts. No home-prepared, unpackaged food from home shall be shared.

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<b>HEPATITIS B</b> <b>HEPATITIS B VIRUS</b> Hepatitis B is an infection of the liver caused by the hepatitis B virus. The virus is completely different from hepatitis A and/or Hepatitis C.	<b>EXCLUDE: NO</b> In general, unless in acute stages with restrictable symptoms i.e. jaundice, and may return when cleared by LHD. <b>RESTRICTION:</b> See school guidelines for children with bloodborne infections. <b>REPORT: YES</b>	Only about 10% of children who become infected with HBV are symptomatic.  Symptoms are similar to hepatitis A. Fever, malaise, anorexia, nausea, right upper quadrant pain and later jaundice (yellow color to skin and eyes), dark urine, or clay-colored stool.	<b>Bloodborne Pathogen</b> Exposure to blood, semen, vaginal secretion into bloodstream or under skin. Contact sports (football / wrestling) may pose a risk if exposed to blood or other potentially infectious body fluids. <b>Incubation 45 -180 days</b> <b>Communicable Variable</b>	Do not share personal items (toothbrushes, pierced earrings, etc.).  Use caution in accident / blood situations.  Vaccinate all children.	Hepatitis B is vaccine preventable. <b>All children should be vaccinated with 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine.</b>  Standard Precautions while dealing with blood or body fluids. Clean up blood spills immediately.  Require parents to submit up-to-date immunization records.  Report all exposures of body fluid contact to broken skin/ mucous membranes to Risk Management.  Clean up blood spills immediately.  Standard Precautions while dealing with blood or body fluids.  Report all exposures of body fluid contact to broken skin/ mucous membranes to Risk Management.
<b>HEPATITIS C</b> <b>HEPATITIS C VIRUS</b> Hepatitis C is an infection of the liver caused by the hepatitis C virus. The virus is completely different from hepatitis A or hepatitis B	<b>EXCLUDE: NO</b> <b>RESTRICTION:</b> See school guidelines for children with bloodborne infections. <b>REPORT: NO</b>	In an acute illness, symptoms are similar to hepatitis A. Fever, malaise, anorexia, nausea, right upper quadrant pain and later jaundice (yellow color to skin and eyes), dark urine, or clay-colored stool.	<b>Bloodborne Pathogen</b> <b>HCV is primarily parenterally transmitted. Sexual transmission has been documented to occur but is far less efficient or frequent than the parenteral route.</b>  <b>Incubation 7 - 9 weeks</b> <b>Range 2 - 24 weeks.</b> <b>Communicable from one or more weeks before symptoms and can be indefinite.</b> <b>Direct contact with infectious drainage from wounds. Skin to skin.</b> <b>Indirect contact with articles contaminated with drainage.</b> <b>Incubation Variable, usually 4 - 10 days.</b> <b>Communicable as long as sores are open and draining, or until 24 hours of appropriate antibiotic treatment.</b>	Do not share personal items (toothbrushes, pierced earrings, etc.).  Use caution in accident or blood situations.	Report all exposures of body fluid contact to broken skin/ mucous membranes to Risk Management.  Clean up blood spills immediately.  Standard Precautions while dealing with blood or body fluids.  Report all exposures of body fluid contact to broken skin/ mucous membranes to Risk Management.
<b>IMPETIGO</b> <b>STAPH OR STREP SKIN INFECTION</b>	<b>EXCLUDE: YES,</b> All open wounds must be covered by a bandage until dry and no longer draining. <i>May return after 24 hours of appropriate antibiotics.</i> <b>AAP Redbook 2006 p. 612</b>  <b>RESTRICTION: YES,</b> NO sport activities until lesions healed. <b>REPORT: OUTBREAKS</b>	Skin lesions, (often around the mouth and nose) honey-colored crusts, itchy, sometimes purulent. Usually not painful, but spread may be rapid.	<b>Cover wounds.</b>  <b>Proper handwashing.</b>  <b>Avoid touching lesions.</b>  <b>No sharing personal items when lesions present.</b>  <b>No contact sports (wrestling) with open lesions.</b>	No foodservice duties while lesions are present.  Good personal hygiene.  Proper handwashing.	No foodservice duties while lesions are present.  Good personal hygiene.  Proper handwashing.

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<b>MEASLES</b> <i>RUBEOLA</i> "Hand, Measles" "10-day measles" <b>HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS</b>	<b>EXCLUDE:</b> YES, may return 5 days after rash. <b>REPORT:</b> YES. Notify LHD immediately. <b>EXCLUSION -</b> <b>Contacts: YES, IF INDEX CASE IS LAB CONFIRMED</b> Any unimmunized child or adult should be offered immunization within 72 hours or excluded from facility until 21 days after the last case of measles occurs in facility.	Acute onset of fever, runny nose, reddened, light-sensitive eyes a very harsh cough, followed by a red-brown blotchy rash. (Starts at hairline and spread down). The hallmarks of Measles are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cough</li> <li>• Coryza</li> <li>• Conjunctivitis</li> <li>• Koplik spots - White spots in mouth.</li> </ul>	<b>Airborne / Droplet spread,</b> direct contact with nasal or throat secretions of infected person, and direct contact with contaminated articles. <b>Incubation</b> 10 - 14 days with range of 7 - 18 days. Usually 14 days until rash develops. <b>Communicable</b> 1 day before the prodrome period (about 4 days before rash onset) until 4 days after appearance of rash.	Vaccine recommended to individuals 12 months and older. Good Handwashing. Avoid touching sores. Cover mouth and nose when coughing, or sneezing.	Measles is vaccine preventable. <b>All children should be vaccinated.</b> Unimmunized students exempted from religious exemptions, if not immunized within 72 hours of exposure, should be excluded until at least 21 days after the onset of rash in the last case of measles. <b>Oregon Health Division, 10/2007. Measles guidelines.</b> Notify local health department for assistance with investigation and protection of identified contacts.
<b>MENINGITIS, BACTERIAL</b> <i>NEISSERIA MENINGITIDIS</i> <i>Meningococcal Disease</i>	<b>EXCLUDE:</b> YES, until cleared by local health department. <b>RESTRICTION: NO</b> <b>REPORT: YES</b>	Acute bacterial disease of sudden onset of fever, intense headache, nausea often with vomiting, stiff neck and frequently a (tiny bruise-like) petechial rash.	<b>Airborne / Droplet spread,</b> with nasal or throat secretions of infected person. <b>Incubation</b> 3 - 4 days with range of 2 - 10 days. <b>Communicable</b> in general until 24 hours of appropriate antibiotic therapy.	Vaccine available for certain strains, (A, C, Y, and W-135) and <b>not</b> effective for the B-strain. Recommended for certain populations. Good Handwashing Cover mouth and nose when coughing, sneezing. No specific treatment for viral meningitis.	Notify local health department for assistance with investigation and protection of identified contacts. No sharing food, drink or eating utensils. Assist LHD with investigation and assessment of contacts. Antibiotics given to contacts <b>after</b> investigation by the LHD. Letters to parents as defined by LHD. Encourage good handwashing and personal hygiene.
<b>MENINGITIS, VIRAL</b> <i>ASEPTIC MENINGITIS</i> <i>Meningitides</i> are illnesses in which there is inflammation of the tissues that cover the brain and spinal cord. Viral (aseptic) meningitis, which is the most common type, is caused by an infection with one of several types of viruses. CDC website Often these occur seasonally in the late summer and early fall.	<b>EXCLUDE:</b> only for health reasons, not typically spread person to person. <b>RESTRICTION: NO</b> <b>REPORT:</b> Not required, but recommended for assistance with rumor control or education assistance.	Acute onset of fever, severe headache, stiff neck, bright lights hurt the eyes, drowsiness or confusion, and nausea and vomiting. <b>Often the symptoms of bacterial and viral meningitis are the same. For this reason, if you think a child has meningitis, seek medical attention immediately.</b>	"The viruses that cause viral meningitis are contagious. However, most infected persons either have no symptoms or develop only a cold or rash with low-grade fever. Typically less than 1 out of every 1,000 persons infected [with viruses] actually develop meningitis. Therefore, if you are around someone who has viral meningitis, you have a moderate chance of becoming infected, [with the virus] but a very small chance of developing meningitis." CDC website	Most persons will recover completely. Doctors prescribe medicine to relieve fever and headache. Good handwashing and personal hygiene. Cover mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing. Careful disposal of used tissues.	



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<b>WHOOPING COUGH</b> <a href="http://www.pertussis.com">www.pertussis.com</a> A good primer on pertussis sounds and coughing. <i>Audite, file.</i>	<b>EXCLUDE: YES:</b> Students and/or staff with pertussis should be excluded until either 5 days of appropriate antibiotic treatment or for 21 days after onset of cough if not treated with antibiotics.  <b>RESTRICTION: NO</b> <b>REPORT: YES</b>	Cold-like symptoms with persistent irritating chronic cough. Whooping cough gets its name from the whooping sound the child makes when trying to breath after a coughing spell.	<b>Airborne:</b> Directly or indirectly by droplet spread. <b>Direct:</b> By contact with contaminated items. <b>Incubation:</b> 7-10 days with range of 5-20 days. <b>Communicable:</b> Just before the cold-like state until 3 weeks after the paroxysmal state in untreated cases.	Vaccine preventable.  Good handwashing and personal hygiene.  Cover mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing.  Preventative antibiotics will be considered based upon epidemiological investigation of close contacts.	Following exposure to pertussis, students and teachers should be observed for 21 days for any new cough lasting greater than 7 days, or presenting with a paroxysmal (sudden, spasmodic) cough. Persons with above respiratory symptoms should be referred to physician pending evaluation and treatment.
<b>PINK EYE</b> <b>CONJUNCTIVITIS</b> Can be bacterial, viral or allergic reaction as causation.	<b>EXCLUDE: NO</b> <b>RESTRICTION: NO</b> <b>REPORT: NO</b>	Red, tearing, irritated eyes. Light sensitivity, eyelids puffy. Thick discharge.	<b>Direct or indirect contact</b> with eye discharge, or with contaminated articles. <b>Incubation:</b> 24 - 72 hours <b>Communicable:</b> 6 days before onset until 9 days after symptoms begun.	Avoid sharing personal articles (makeup)  Discard eye makeup following illness Avoid rubbing eyes.	
<b>PINWORMS</b> <b>PARASITIC WORMS</b>	<b>EXCLUDE:</b> in daycare settings, until 24 hours after treatment and seen by physician. <b>RESTRICTION: NO</b> <b>REPORT: NO</b>	Intense rectal itching, increases at night. Irritation from scratching. Irritability.	<b>Fecal-oral direct transfer</b> of eggs by hand to mouth. <b>Contact</b> with contaminated clothing and bedding. Eggs can survive up to 2 weeks away from human host. <b>Incubation:</b> 2 - 6 weeks <b>Communicable:</b> 2 - 8 weeks unless reinfected.	Daily bathing and clean undergarments. Good handwashing and hygiene. Clean undergarments and bedding. Wash under fingernails, and keep nails trimmed short.	In settings with young children, wash toys in sanitizing cleaner.  No home-prepared, unpackaged food from home shall be shared.
<b>POISON OAK, IVY</b> <b>CONTACT DERMATITIS</b> Poison Oak/ivy/sumac rash is not contagious. It is a localized allergic reaction to the plant oils. Plants, such as poison ivy, oak, or sumac, all produce a colorless, odorless sap, called <i>urushiol</i> . The skin rash is a reaction to this sap producing a burning, blistering rash.	<b>EXCLUDE: NO</b> <b>RESTRICTION: NO</b> <b>REPORT: NO</b>	Localized irritation, skin lesions, and burning, watery blisters.  Prompt removal of irritating sap/oil off of clothing and skin is important.	<b>Itching can be immediate or take up to several days to develop.</b>  <b>Itchy rash</b> caused by either touching the plant's shiny (oily) leaves, or by touching something the urushiol sap has touched.	Avoid poison ivy plants. Careful washing of affected area with soap and water to remove all irritant sap. Minimize scratching the rash, which can lead to secondary skin infections.	<b>DO NOT</b> burn the offending plant. The smoke can cause inhalation reactions.