

Common childhood communicable and infectious diseases A-Z

Infection	Notifiable?*	Exclusion	Comments	Further information
Athlete's foot	No	None	Athlete's foot is not a serious condition, but treatment is recommended.	https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/athletes-foot/
Chicken pox	No	Exclude until five days from the onset of rash and all lesions have crusted over.		https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/
Conjunctivitis	No	None.	Contact the Health Protection Team on 0203 837 7084 if a cluster or outbreak occurs.	https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/conjunctivitis/
Diarrhoea and vomiting	No	Exclude whilst symptomatic and for 48 hours after the last symptoms.		https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/
Diphtheria	Yes	Exclude and contact the Health Protection Team on 0203 837 7084 for advice.	Family contacts must be excluded until cleared for return by the Health Protection Team.	https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diphtheria/
Flu (influenza)	No	Exclude until recovered.	Outbreaks of flu should be reported to the Health Protection Team on 0203 837 7084.	https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/flu/
Glandular fever	No	None		https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/glandular-fever/
Hand, foot and mouth	No	None unless advised by the Health Protection Team.	Contact the Health Protection Team on 0203 837 7084 if large numbers of children are affected.	https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hand-foot-mouth-disease/

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Head lice	No	None	Treatment is recommended in live lice are seen.	https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/
Hepatitis A	Yes	Exclude until seven days after onset of jaundice, or seven days after symptom onset if no jaundice.	The Health Protection Team will advise on control measures.	https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hepatitis-a/
Hepatitis B	Yes	None.	Hepatitis B is not infectious through casual contact.	https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hepatitis-b/
Hepatitis C	Yes	None.	Hepatitis C is not infectious through casual contact.	https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hepatitis-c/
HIV	No	None.	HIV is not infectious through casual contact	https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hiv-and-aids/
Impetigo	No	Exclude until lesions are crusted/healed, or 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment.	Antibiotic treatment speeds healing and reduces the infectious period.	https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/impetigo/
Measles	Yes	Exclude for four days from onset of rash and recovered.	Measles is preventable by vaccination with 2 doses of MMR. Promote MMR for all pupils and staff. Pregnant staff members should seek prompt advice from their GP.	https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/
Meningitis (other)	Yes	Exclude until recovered.	Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) and pneumococcal meningitis are preventable by	https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/meningitis/

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Meningitis (viral)	Yes	None.	Viral meningitis is a milder illness than bacterial meningitis.	https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/meningitis/
Meningococcal meningitis / septicaemia	Yes	Exclude until recovered.	Meningitis ACWY and B are preventable by vaccination. The Health Protection Team will advise on any action needed.	https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/meningitis/
MRSA	No	None		https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/mrsa/
Mumps	Yes	Exclude for five days after swelling.	Mumps is preventable by vaccination with 2 doses of MMR. Promote MMR for all pupils and staff.	https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/mumps/
Parvovirus B19 (fifth disease, "slapped cheek syndrome")	No	None once rash has developed.	Pregnant staff members should seek prompt advice from their GP.	https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/slapped-cheek-syndrome/
Ringworm	No	Exclusion is not usually required.	Treatment for ringworm is required.	https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/ringworm/
Rubella (German measles)	Yes	Exclude for five days from onset of rash.	Rubella is preventable by vaccination with 2 doses of MMR. Promote MMR for all pupils and staff.	https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/rubella/
Scabies	No	Exclude until after first treatment	Household and close contacts require treatment at the same time.	https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scabies/

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Scarlet fever	Yes	Exclude until 24 hours after antibiotic treatment is completed.	Scarlet fever is infectious for 2-3 weeks if antibiotics are not administered. Contact the Health Protection Team on 0203 837 7084 if two or more suspected cases occur.	https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/
Threadworm	No	None.	Treatment is recommended for child and household.	https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/
Tonsillitis	No	None.	Most cases are caused by a virus and do not need antibiotic treatment.	https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/tonsillitis/
Tuberculosis (TB)	Yes	Exclude as advised by the Health Protection Team.	Always consult the Health Protection Team (0203 837 7084) before communicating with staff, parents and carers.	https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/tuberculosis-tb/
Warts and verrucae	No	None.	Verrucae should be covered in changing rooms, gyms and swimming pools.	https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/warts-and-verrucae/
Whooping cough (pertussis)	Yes	Exclude until two days from starting antibiotic treatment, or 21 days from onset of symptoms if no antibiotic treatment.		https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/whooping-cough/

* Registered Medical Practitioners have a legal requirement to notify all suspected cases notifiable diseases to health protection teams. This is essential for national surveillance of infectious and communicable diseases.