

Vaccine-Preventable Disease School Exclusions

Disease	Signs and Symptoms	Exclusion of Case	If Someone is Not Immune and Exposed to a Case
Measles	Fever, cough, runny nose, red eyes, rash that starts on face and moves out and down	Exclude for 4 days after rash appearance	Exclude for 21 days
Mumps	Parotitis/gland swelling	Exclude for 5 days following gland swelling	Exclude from the 12th until the 25th day after exposure IF other non-immune persons were exposed
Pertussis	Starts with runny/stuffy nose, low-grade fever, mild cough for most or apnea/cyanosis in babies. Progresses to cough with "whoop" or vomiting and fatigue	Exclude until 5 days of appropriate antibiotics or 21 days from start of cough	Exclude household members under age 7 who are not fully immunized. Exclude 5 days while taking appropriate antibiotics, or exclude 21 days if not taking antibiotics.
Polio	Most - no symptoms 25% - sore throat, fever, tiredness, nausea, headache, stomach pain Rare - meningitis/paralysis	Usually hospitalized	Consult local public health
Rubella	Red rash on face, spreads to rest of body, lasts about 3 days. 1-5 days before rash: low-grade fever, headache, mild pink eye, general discomfort, swollen and enlarged lymph nodes, cough, runny nose	Exclude for 7 days following rash onset	Should be excluded until 23 days after the onset of rash of last reported case in setting. May return after 1 dose of vaccine.
Varicella (Chickenpox)	Fever, tiredness, loss of appetite, headache, itchy rash starting on chest, back, face spreading to entire body	Exclude from rash onset until all lesions crust (usually about 5 days). If vaccinated, exclude until 24 hours with no new lesions.	Exclude from day 8 after first exposure to day 21 from last exposure. May return if child receives 1 dose of vaccine; those too young to be vaccinated (under 1 year) should be excluded or cohorted for 21 days (Consult local public health).

Exclusion for non-immune status is consistent with Montana Code Annotated 20-5-405.



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