

DACHS Communicable Disease Exclusion Protocol

Infection	Exclude?	Duration of Exclusion
AIDS/HIV	No, unless child has aggressive behaviors like biting, or scratching, or has draining skin lesions, or bleeding problems	
Campylobacter	Yes	Until diarrhea stops
Chickenpox/varicella	Yes	Until all sores are dried and crusted
Conjunctivitis (pink eye) with white or yellow discharge	Yes	Until provider evaluation and approval for return
Common Cold	Yes, unless it's a very mild case	Until child's symptoms subside
COVID-19	Yes (see COVID policy)	Until 5 days have passed since onset of symptoms. After this, the child must wear a mask for another 5 days
Cryptosporidium	Yes	Until diarrhea stops
Diarrhea-uncontrolled	Yes	Until child has not had diarrhea for at least 24 hours
E. coli 0157 (or other STEC)	Yes	Until diarrhea stops and 2 negative stool cultures (at least 24 hours apart)
Fever	Yes	Until 24 hours after the fever has gone down
Fever with behavioral changes	Yes	Until after provider evaluation and fever subsides
Giardia	Yes	Until diarrhea stops
Head Lice	Children will not be sent home but they cannot return until there are no live lice (see lice policy)	Until no live lice. Nits are okay.
Hepatitis A	Yes	Until one week after onset of illness or appearance of jaundice
Hepatitis B and C	No, unless child has aggressive behaviors like biting, or scratching, or has draining skin lesions, or bleeding problems	
Herpes- multiple mouth sores with drooling	Yes	Until fever is gone and no drooling
Herpes- single fever blisters	No	

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Impetigo	Yes	Until 24 hours after treatment has begun
Influenza (flu)	Yes	Until symptoms subside
Middle ear infections	No, unless child is too uncomfortable	
Mumps	Yes	Until 5 days after onset of parotid gland swelling
Pertussis	Yes	Until 5 days of appropriate antibiotic therapy has been completed
Rash illness with fever	Yes	Until provider determines not contagious
Ringworm	No, if using topical treatment and lesions are covered	
Rubeola (measles)	Yes	Until 4 days from appearance of rash
Rubella	Yes	Until 6 days from appearance of rash
Salmonella	Yes	Until diarrhea stops
Scabies	Yes	Until after treatment has been given
Shigella	Yes	Until diarrhea stops and 2 negative stool cultures (at least 24 hours apart and at least 48 hours after antibiotics completed)
Shingles	Yes	Unless lesions can be covered or they are crusted
Staphylococcus skin lesions	No, unless skin lesions are draining and cannot be covered with watertight dressing	
Streptococcal pharyngitis (strep throat)	Yes	Until 24 hours after treatment has begun
Vomiting (>=2 times in 24 hours)	Yes	Until child has not vomited for at least 24 hours