

WAYNE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Disease Control Division
Communicable Disease Reference Chart

DISEASE (ORGANISM)	INCUBATION PERIOD	PERIOD OF COMMUNI-CABILITY	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN AND/OR EXCLUSION PERIOD
ANIMAL/HUMAN BITES (Bacteria, Viruses & Fungi)	Variable. Rabies in man from an animal bite is 10 days to over one year; usually two-eight weeks.	Variable depending on organism involved.	Seek medical attention immediately. Report animal bites to local animal control center.
CHICKEN POX & HERPES ZOSTER (Shingles) (Virus)	Two to three weeks commonly 13-17 days.	As long as five but usually one to two days before onset of rash and not more than one week after first crop of lesions appear.	Exclude until one week after the eruption of first crop of lesions and all lesions have crusted.
COMMON COLD (Viruses)	12 to 72 hours; usually 48 hours.	Usually 24 hours before onset of symptoms to five days after onset.	Exclude until symptoms have disappeared, usually within five days from onset.
CONJUNCTIVITIS (Pink Eye) (Bacteria, Viruses)	Variable. Dependent upon infecting agent.	During course of active infection.	Exclude until under medical care and drainage from eyes has cleared.
FIFTH DISEASE (Hungarian Measles; Erythema Infectiosum)	About 4-15 days.	Unknown duration. Probably a few days before rash begins.	No exclusion providing rash is diagnosed as fifth's disease by physician.
HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (Viruses)	Three to five days.	As long as organisms are present.	Exclude until lesions have begun to heal, fever is gone and physician approves return.

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HEPATITIS, TYPE A (Viruses)	14-55 days; average is 28-30 days.	Two weeks before onset of symptoms to a maximum of two weeks after onset.	Exclude until two weeks after onset of symptoms or ten days after jaundice onset – if it occurs.
HEPATITIS, TYPE B (Virus)	45-180 days; average is 60-90 days.	Several weeks before onset of symptoms until blood is no longer positive for evidence of virus.	Usually no exclusion recommended. Restriction from certain blood exposure activities should be considered individually.
HERPES SIMPLEX TYPES I & I (Viruses) <i>I</i>	Two-12 days.	Usually as long as lesions are present. It has been found in saliva for as long as seven weeks after mouth lesions.	No exclusion recommended.
IMPETIGO (Bacteria)	Variable. Indefinite; commonly four to ten days.	While sores are draining.	Exclude until under treatment and lesions are healing and no new lesions appear.
INFLUENZA (Viruses)	Short, usually 24 to 72 hours.	Probably up to three days from clinical onset.	Exclude until three days from onset of symptoms.
MENINGITIS (Aseptic/Viral) (Viruses)	Depends on type of infectious agent.	Depends on type of infectious agent.	Exclude until physician approves return.

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MENINGITIS (Haemophilus Influenzae) or (Neisseria Meningitidis) (Bacteria)	Two to 10 days; commonly within two to four days.	As long as organisms are present.	Exclude until under treatment and physician approves return.
MONONUCLEOSIS (Virus)	From four to six weeks.	Communi-cability may persist up to a year.	Exclude until physician approves return.
MUMPS (Virus)	About two to three weeks; commonly 18 days.	As long as six days before gland involvement to nine days after swelling. Most infectious 48 hours before onset.	Exclude until swelling or other symptoms have disappeared.
PEDICULOSIS (Head Lice) (Insect)	Eggs hatch in seven to ten days.	Until lice and viable eggs are destroyed.	Exclude until first treatment is completed. Admit if a single treatment medication is used, or re-exclude if two-dose product is used and not done in ten days.
PERTUSSIS (Whooping Cough) (Bacteria)	Five to 21 days, average within ten days.	Seven days after exposure to three weeks after onset if not treated, or one week after treatment.	Exclude until three weeks from disease onset if not treated or one week after treatment.

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RINGWORM (Fungi)	Four to 14 days.	As long as lesions are present.	Exclude until under physician's care.
RUBELLA (German or Three Day Measles) (Virus)	14-23 days; usually 16-18 days.	From one week before to four days after onset of rash.	Exclude until fifth day after onset of rash.
RUBEOLA (Hard or Ten Day Measles) (Virus)	14-23 days; Average ten days.	Beginning of cold symptoms to four days after rash onset.	Exclude until fifth day after onset of rash.
SALMONELLA (Bacteria)	Six to 72 hours; commonly 12-36 hours.	During the course of infection and until organisms are no longer in feces.	Exclude until symptoms have gone. Activity exclusion based on WCHD recommendations.
SCABIES (insect)	First time infection two to six weeks; subsequent infections one to four days.	Until mites and eggs are destroyed.	Exclude until first 24 hour treatment completed. Re-exclude if second treatment is not done within ten days.
SCARLET FEVER & STREP THROAT (Bacteria)	One to three days usually.	If untreated, ten-21 days or longer if treated within 48 hours.	Exclude until under treatment for two days.

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SHIGELLA (Bacteria)	One to seven days; Commonly one to three days.	During course of infection and until organisms are no longer in feces.	Exclude until symptoms have gone. Activity exclusion based on WCHD recommendations.

