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| **Condition** | **Exclusion period of person with condition** | **Exclusion of persons in contact with** |
|  |  | **condition** |
| Amoebiasis (entamoeba | Exclude until diarrhoea ceases | Not excluded |
| histolytica) |  |  |
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| \*Campylobacteriosis | Exclude until diarrhoea ceases | Not excluded |
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| Chicken pox (varicella | Exclude until the last blister has scabbed | Not excluded |
| and herpes zoster) | over. | Any child with an immune deficiency |
|  | The child should not continue to be | (eg with leukaemia, or as a result of |
|  | excluded by reason only of some remaining | receiving chemotherapy) should be |
|  | scabs. | excluded for their own protection |
|  |  | and seek urgent medical advice and |
|  |  | varicella-zoster immunoglobulin |
|  |  | (ZIG), if necessary. |
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| Conjunctivitis (acute | Exclude until discharge from eyes ceases. | Not excluded |
| infectious) |  |  |
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| \*Cryptosporidiosis | Exclude until diarrhoea ceases | Not excluded |
|  |  |  |
| Diarrhoea | Exclude until diarrhoea ceases | Not excluded |
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| \*#Diphtheria | Exclude until— | Exclude family and household |
|  | at least 2 negative throat swabs have been | contacts until approval to return has |
|  | taken (the first not less than 24 hours after | been given by the Chief Health |
|  | cessation of antibiotic treatment and the | Officer. |
|  | second not less than 48 hours later), and |  |
|  | a certificate is provided by a medical |  |
|  | practitioner recommending that the |  |
|  | exclusion should cease. |  |
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| Giardiasis | Exclude until diarrhoea ceases | Not excluded |
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| \*#*Haemophilius* | Exclude until a certificate is provided by a | Not excluded |
| *influenza* type b (Hib) | medical practitioner recommending that |  |
|  | the exclusion should cease. |  |
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| Hand, Foot and Mouth | Exclude if— | Not excluded |
| disease | child is unwell, or |  |
|  | child is drooling, and not all blisters have |  |
|  | dried or an exposed weeping blister is not |  |
|  | covered with a dressing. |  |
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| \*Hepatitis A | Exclude for at least 7 days after the onset of | Not excluded |
|  | jaundice and a certificate is provided by a |  |
|  | medical practitioner recommending that |  |
|  | the exclusion should cease. |  |
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| Herpes (cold sores) | Exclude young children unable to comply | Not excluded |
|  | with good hygiene practices while the |  |
|  | lesion is weeping. Lesion to be covered by a |  |
|  | dressing in all cases, if possible. |  |
|  |  |  |
| Impetigo (school sores) | Exclude until appropriate treatment has | Not excluded |
|  | commenced and sores on exposed surfaces |  |
|  | are covered with a watertight dressing. |  |
| Influenza and influenza- | Exclude until well | Not excluded |
| like illnesses |  |  |
| \*Leprosy | Exclude until approval to return has been | Not excluded |
|  | given by the Chief Health Officer. |  |
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| **Condition** | **Exclusion period of person with condition** | **Exclusion of persons in contact with** |
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| \*#Measles | Exclude for at least 4 days after the rash | Immunised contacts not excluded. |
|  | appears. | Exclude non-immunised contacts |
|  |  | until 14 days after the first day of |
|  |  | appearance of the rash in the index |
|  |  | case. |
|  |  | (b) Non-immunised contacts |
|  |  | immunised with measles vaccine |
|  |  | within 72 hours after their first |
|  |  | contact with the index case are not |
|  |  | excluded after being immunised. |
|  |  | (d) Non-immunised contacts who are |
|  |  | given normal human immunoglobulin |
|  |  | (NHIG) within 7 days after their first |
|  |  | contact with the index case are not |
|  |  | excluded after being given NHIG. |
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| Meningitis (bacterial) | Exclude until well | Not excluded |
|  |  |  |
| \*Meningococcal | Exclude until adequate carrier eradication | Not excluded if receiving rifampicin |
| infection | therapy has commenced. | or other antibiotic treatment |
|  |  | recommended by the Chief Health |
|  |  | Officer. |
|  |  | Otherwise, excluded until 10 days |
|  |  | after last contact with the index case. |
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| \*#Mumps | Exclude for 9 days after onset of symptoms, | Not excluded |
|  | or until parotid swelling goes down |  |
|  | (whichever is sooner). |  |
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| \*#Poliomyelitis | Exclude for at least 14 days after onset of | Not excluded |
|  | symptoms and until a certificate is provided |  |
|  | by a medical practitioner recommending |  |
|  | that the exclusion should cease. |  |
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| Ringworm, scabies, | Exclude until effective treatment has | Not excluded |
| pediculosis (lice), | commenced. |  |
| trachoma |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| Rotavirus | Exclude until diarrhoea ceases | Not excluded |
|  |  |  |
| \*#Rubella (German | Exclude for 4 days after the appearance of | Not excluded |
| measles) | the rash. | Female staff of child-bearing age |
|  |  | should ensure that their immune |
|  |  | status against rubella is adequate. |
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| \*Salmonellosis | Exclude until diarrhoea ceases | Not excluded |
|  |  |  |
| \*Shigellosis | Exclude until diarrhoea ceases | Not excluded |
|  |  |  |
| Streptococcal infection | Exclude until the person has recovered or | Not excluded |
| (including scarlet fever) | has received antibiotic treatment for at |  |
|  | least 24 hours. |  |
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| \*Tuberculosis | Exclude until approval to return has been | Not excluded |
|  | given by the Chief Health Officer. |  |
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| **Condition** | **Exclusion period of person with condition** | **Exclusion of persons in contact with** |
|  |  | **condition** |
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| \*Typhoid and | Exclude until a certificate is provided by a | (a) Not excluded unless the Chief |
| paratyphoid fever | medical practitioner recommending that | Health Officer notifies the person in |
|  | the exclusion should cease. | charge of the school. |
|  |  | (a) If the Chief Health Officer gives |
|  |  | notice, exclusion is subject to the |
|  |  | conditions in the notice. |
|  |  |  |
| \*#Whooping cough | Exclude for 21 days from start of cough, or | Exclude non-immunised household, |
| (pertussis) | for at least 5 days after starting a course of | home based child care and close child |
|  | antibiotics recommended by the Chief | care contacts under 7 years old for 14 |
|  | Health Officer. | days after the last exposure to |
|  |  | infection, or until 5 days after starting |
|  |  | a course of antibiotics recommended |
|  |  | by the Chief Health Officer |
|  |  | (whichever is sooner). |
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| Worms (intestinal) | Exclude until diarrhoea ceases | Not excluded |

A parent/carer of a child with a listed exclusion condition or a child who has been in contact with a listed exclusion condition must notify the school principal or principal carer as soon as possible.

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3.2. **Vaccine Preventable Diseases**

* Diphtheria;
* Haemophilus influenzae type b (hib) infection; Measles;
* Mumps; Poliomyelitis;
* Rubella (German measles);
* Tetanus; pertussis (whooping cough); Hepatitis B; or
* Any disease declared by the Chief Health Officer to be vaccine preventable for the purposes of the Public Health Regulations.

Under the Regulations schools must also notify the Chief Health Officer if a child enrolled at the school has a vaccine preventable disease. This allows the Chief Health Officer to take any public health action necessary to prevent the further spread of the disease.

In the event of an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease at the school, or in the community, the Chief Health Officer may issue a health direction to the school to take any specified action to reduce the public health risk caused by the outbreak.

If you have any questions in relation to these requirements, please ring the Communicable Disease Control Section, Health Directorate on (02) 6205 2155.