

Communicable Diseases - Specified List

Condition	Exclusion of Case
Campylobacter	Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours
Chicken pox and Shingles (Varicella-Zoster)	Exclude until all blisters have dried – usually five days
Conjunctivitis	Exclude until discharge from eyes has stopped unless non infectious
Coronavirus/COVID-19	See Returning to the workplace after recovering from a positive COVID-19 test Infosheet
Cryptosporidiosis	Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours
Gastro-enteritis (Viral)	Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 48 hours
Giardiasis	Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours
Diarrhoea (no organism identified)	Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours
Fungal Infections (Ringworm, tinea)	Exclude until the day after starting treatment
Haemophilus influenza	Exclude until the person has received appropriate antibiotic treatment for at least 4 days
Hand, foot and mouth disease	Exclude until all blisters have healed

Head lice (Pediculosis)	No exclusion necessary.
Hepatitis A	Exclude until a medical certificate of recovery is received but not before seven days after the onset of jaundice.
Herpes simplex (Cold sores)	Exclusion not necessary but sores should be covered by a dressing where possible.
Impetigo (School sores)	Exclude until appropriate antibiotic treatment has commenced. Sores on exposed skin should be covered with a watertight dressing.
Influenza and Influenza like illnesses	Exclude until the person is well
Measles	Exclude for 4 days after the onset of rash
Meningitis (bacterial)	Exclude until well and has received appropriate antibiotics.
Meningitis (viral)	Exclude until the person is well
Meningococcal infection	Exclude until antibiotic treatment has been completed
Mumps	Exclude for 9 days after onset of swelling
Norovirus	Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion or vomiting for 48 hours
Parvovirus infection (fifth disease, erythema infectiosum, slapped cheek syndrome)	Exclusion not necessary.
Pertussis (whooping cough)	Exclude until 5 days after starting appropriate antibiotic treatment or from 21 days after the onset of coughing.
Rotavirus	Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion or vomiting for 24 hours.

Rubella (German Measles)	Exclude until fully recovered or for at least 4 days from the onset of the rash
Salmonella Infection	Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours.
Scabies	Exclude until the day after commencing treatment
Shigella Infection	Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours.
Streptococcal throat (including scarlet fever)	Exclude until antibiotic treatment received for at least 24 hours and person feels well
Tuberculosis (TB)	Exclude until medical certificate of recovery is received

Contact Details

For further information about communicable diseases leave please contact HR Payroll via e-mail:
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Associated Documents and Materials

[Communicable Diseases Leave Infosheet](#)

[Returning to the workplace after recovering from a positive COVID-19 test Infosheet](#)

[HR Delegations & Administrative Authorities \(HR D & AA\)](#)

[Leave Application Form](#)