

Jefferson County Public Schools Health Services

Communicable Disease Reference Guidelines for Schools

DISEASE	ISOLATION PERIOD/FOLLOW-UP	Reportable to JCPS Health Services
Chicken Pox (Varicella)	Exclude until all of student's lesions are crusted over, usually 7-8 days. Vaccinate susceptible contacts within 3 days of exposure.	
Fifth Disease	There is no need to exclude if a statement from healthcare provider states that the rash is not contagious.	
German Measles (Rubella)	Exclude for at least 7 days after rash appears. Report immediately to JCPS Health Services and they will report to the LMDPHW.	X
Hand, Foot, Mouth (Coxsackie)	Excluded until lesions are not actively draining, child is without fever for at least 24 hours, and if rash still present healthcare provider statement that child is not contagious.	
Head Lice	Exclude for live lice. See JCPS Head Lice Flowchart.	
Hepatitis A	Exclude for 7 days after onset of jaundice, or in the absence of jaundice, up to 2 weeks after the onset of symptoms. Report immediately to JCPS Health Services and they will report to the LMDPHW.	X
Impetigo	Exclude until treated with antibiotics for a full 24 hours, is without fever for full 24 hours, and statement from healthcare provider stating child is not contagious.	
Measles	Exclude for at least 4 days after rash appears. Report immediately to JCPS Health Services and they will report to the LMDPHW.	X
Meningococcal Disease or Bacterial Meningitis	Exclude until student has received effective antibiotic treatment for 24 hours and is able to participate in normal daily activities. Report immediately to JCPS Health Services and they will report to the LMDPHW.	X
Mononucleosis	Exclude until child has been without fever for at least 24 hours and is well enough to participate in normal daily activities. Students who play sports should be excluded from activities until released by healthcare provider.	
MRSA	Exclude until wound is able to be covered without oozing beyond the bandage and statement from healthcare provider stating that child is not contagious.	
Mumps	Exclude for 5 days after onset of swelling. Report immediately to JCPS Health Services and they will report to the LMDPHW.	X
Pink eye (conjunctivitis)	IF purulent drainage, exclude until 24 hours after treatment has begun and until no drainage is coming from the eye(s).	
Ringworm	Exclude until 24 hours after appropriate treatment has begun and statement from healthcare provider stating that child is not contagious.	
Roseola	Exclude until student has been without fever for 24 hours and statement from healthcare provider stating that child is not contagious.	
Scabies	Exclude until 24 hours after treatment has begun and statement from healthcare provider stating that child is not contagious.	
Shigellosis	Exclude until student has had neither diarrhea nor fever for 24 hours. Ensure careful hand washing after toilet use. Report immediately to JCPS Health Services and they will report to the LMDPHW.	X
Strep throat/Scarlet Fever	Exclude until child has been treated for 24 hours with antibiotics and has been 24 hours without a fever for 24 hours.	
Tuberculosis	Usually not communicable, but exclude until released by LMDPHW. Report immediately to JCPS Health Services and they will report to the LMDPHW.	X
Whooping Cough (Pertussis)	Exclude for 5 days after antibiotic treatment has begun. Report immediately to JCPS Health Services and they will report to the LMDPHW.	X

Fever: Students are excluded from school if they have a fever 100.5 or greater OR a temperature less than 100.5 with unusual lethargy, irritability, persistent crying, difficulty breathing or other signs of severe illness.

Diarrheal Illness: Students are excluded from school if they have an increased number of stools compared with their normal pattern (watery stool or decreased form) OR have stools not contained by diapers/toilet use.

Vomiting Illness: Students are excluded from school if they have two or more vomiting episodes in a 24 hour period. If healthcare provider statement indicates that a student can return to school, then the student may attend school.

Rash Illness: A student with a rash should be excluded from school until the rash is resolved unless he/she has a current statement from a healthcare provider stating that the student may return to school. If student returns to school with a rash or draining sore, school must require a statement from the student's healthcare provider stating that student may return to school.

Upper Respiratory Infections, Colds, and Viral Outbreaks: There is no public health recommendation for exclusion at this time. However, student should be well enough to perform in normal daily activities. In situations where extensive outbreaks affect cost effective operation of the school, closure is an administrative decision. All outbreaks will be reported to the Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness (LMDHW) by JCPS Health Services.

All known communicable diseases should be reported to JCPS Health Services. JCPS Health Services should be the only ones to contact the LMDPHW unless directed otherwise by JCPS Health Services.