

Devised from guidelines recommended by Mid-Central Health, Public Health Unit

It is not possible to prevent the spread of all infections and illness within the Centres, however some illness from infectious disease can be prevented. To minimise the spread of disease, we require your assistance in adhering to this policy.

Note: Any child who is suffering from any disease or from any ailment or other condition affecting the child's health, may be excluded from attending any section at the discretion of the Centre Manager for such periods as are that considered appropriate. The child will be placed in isolation, with a supporting teacher until a parent/guardian removes said child from the Centre.

Please be aware that we require all children to be excluded from the centre for a minimum of 24 hours after commencing antibiotic medication.

Disease	Infectious Period	Exclusion of case	Exclusion of Contacts
Campylobacter	For as long as bacteria are in the faeces. May be a few days or weeks after symptoms are gone.	Until well and for 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhea or vomiting.	Not excluded.
Chicken Pox	2 days before rash appears (coughing, running nose, weepy blisters)	Until all blisters have formed scales or crusts, there are no moist sores and the child is fully recovered.	Any child with immune deficiency or receiving chemo should be excluded for their own protection.
Conjunctivitis Viral or Bacterial	During entire course of an active bacterial or viral infection, or 3 days after beginning antibiotic treatment for bacterial infection.	After 24hrs from start of treatment and when discharge from eyes has cleared.	Not excluded.
Diarrhoea Illnesses Viral eg rotovirus Bacterial e.g. E.coli	As long as organisms are present in faeces, whether they are ill or not.	Until well and for 48 hours after last episode, and when lab results are negative.	Not excluded.

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Ear Infection	Not spread from one child to another.	Until well with no discharge from ear.	Not excluded
Glandular Fever	Prolonged – maybe for one year or more	Until well enough to return.	Not excluded.
Hand, Foot & Mouth Disease	As long as there is fluid in blisters.	While the child is feeling unwell and until all blisters have dried.	Not excluded.
Hepatitis A (Infectious Hepatitis)	2 weeks before jaundice.	7 days after onset of jaundice or illness.	Not excluded.
Hepatitis B	1 month before jaundice appears and 1-3 months after.	Until well or as advised by G.P.	Not excluded.
Human Immuno-deficiency virus Infection	2 to 4 weeks after contracting virus.	Not necessary unless child has secondary infection or advised by G.P.	Not excluded.
Impetigo (School Sores)	As long as there is discharge of sores.	Minimum 24hrs after antibiotic treatment has commenced and sores are dried up.	Not excluded.
Influenza	Probably limited to 3 days from onset.	Until child looks and feels well.	Not excluded.
Measles	4 days before to 4 days after onset of rash.	7 days after onset.	<u>Immunised:</u> Not excluded. <u>Unimmunised:</u> excluded until 14 days after the 1 st day of the appearance of rash in the last case. Any child with immune deficiency or receiving chemo should be excluded for their own protection.

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Meningitis (Bacterial)	As long as bacteria are present in nose and throat.	Until well and non-infectious.	Not excluded.
Meningococcal Infections	As long as organisms are present in nose and throat.	Until well.	Not excluded.
Mumps	Up to 6 days before and 9 days after swelling.	9 days, or until swelling subsides.	Not excluded.
Ringworm	As long as condition exists.	1 day after appropriate treatment commences.	Not excluded.
Rubella	7 days before to 4 days after onset of rash.	Until fully recovered or 7 days after onset of rash.	Not excluded.
Salmonella	Until well, and possibly weeks or months after.	Until well with no further diarrhoea.	Not excluded
Scabies	Until mites and eggs are destroyed by treatment.	1 day after appropriate treatment commences.	Not excluded.
Slapped Cheek	For variable time up to the appearance of rash.	Unnecessary unless child is unwell.	Not excluded.
Streptococcal Sore Throat and viral Tonsillitis	About 24 hours after treatment commences.	Until having received antibiotic treatment for at least 48 hours and child feels well.	Not excluded.
Tuberculosis	As long as disease is present and not being treated.	Until medical certificate from an appropriate health authority is received.	Not excluded.

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Viral Rashes		Until well and rash has visibly reduced in appearance.	Not excluded.
Vomiting	As long as vomiting continues.	Until well with no further vomiting. At least 48 hours exclusion after last bout.	Not excluded.
Whooping Cough	Highly infectious during 1-5 days.	5-21 days from onset of illness or medical certificate of recovery is produced.	Exclude unimmunised household contacts.
Herpes Simplex	Infectious prior to and during	The presentation of sores	Not excluded Until clear unless can be fully covered.