



## DEALING WITH INFECTIOUS DISEASES / ILLNESS POLICY

**BRONCHIOLITIS/TONSILLITIS:** Stay at home until child is feeling better.

**CHICKEN POX:** Stay at home until all blisters have dried (usually 5 days).

**CONJUNCTIVITIS:** Stay at home until there is no discharge from the eyes (unless a doctor has diagnosed non-infectious conjunctivitis).

**DIARRHOEA (ROTAVIRUS/ /VOMITING):** Stay at home until no diarrhoea for 24 hours.

**GASTROENTERITIS (VIRAL DIARRHOEA):** Stay at home until no diarrhoea for 24 hours.

**GERMAN MEASLES (RUBELLA):** Stay at home for at least 4 days after rash first appears and the child is fully recovered. Please confirm with a doctor because of potential severity of the illness for pregnant women.

**HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE:** Stay at home until all blisters are dry.

**HEADLICE:** Hair must be treated to eradicate lice and nits. Child can return once treatment has commenced.

**IMPETIGO (SCHOOL SORES):** Stay at home 24hrs after appropriate antibiotic treatment is started. Sores must be completely covered until they are all dried up.

**INFLUENZA (includes croup / bird flu / swine flu):** Stay at home until the child is well.

**MEASLES:** Stay at home for at least 4 days after the rash appears or until given a clean bill of health by the doctor. Unvaccinated children having contact with a person with measles should be excluded for 14 days from the first day of appearance of rash in the last case.

**MENINGITIS:** Stay home until well and has received appropriate antibiotics

**MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTION:** Stay at home until appropriate antibiotic treatment completed and until well.

**MUMPS:** Stay at home for at least 5 days after onset of swelling.

**NANOVIRUS:** Stay at home until no vomiting or diarrhoea for 24 hours.

**RINGWORM:** Stay at home until appropriate treatment has commenced, confirmation of this to be by a medical certificate.

**ROTAVIRUS INFECTION:** Stay at home until no diarrhoea for 24 hours.

**SALMONELLA INFECTION:** Stay at home until no diarrhoea for 24 hours.

**SCABIES:** Stay at home until the day after appropriate treatment has commenced.

**STREPTOCOCCAL SORE THROAT (SCARLETT FEVER):** Stay at home until the person has received appropriate antibiotic treatment for at least 24 hours and feels well.

**WARTS (COMMON, FLAT AND PLANTAR):** No exclusion necessary.

**WHOOPING COUGH (PERTUSSIS):** Stay at home for 5 days after starting antibiotic treatment. Households or close contacts who have not been immunized should be avoided for 14 days or until they have been on antibiotic treatment for at least 5 days.

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