

Communicable and Contagious Disease Policies

Any child shall be excluded showing signs of a communicable or contagious disease upon the discretion of the school nurse. The school has the right to require the approval of a physician before a student is permitted to return to school.

Exclusion table:

Chicken Pox (Varicella)- May return to school six days from the last crop of new pox.

Fifth Disease- May return to school if no fever is present.

Fever- May not be sent to school with a fever (above 100.1), student must be fever free for at least 24 hours prior to returning to school.

Hand, foot, and Mouth Disease (Coxsackie A virus)- May return to school if no fever is present.

Head Lice (Pediculosis)- Return to school at discretion of school nurse after evaluation of student.

Impetigo- May return to school after being cleared by physician.

Measles- May return to school four to seven days from onset of rash.

Meningitis (Viral and Bacterial)- Student is excluded from school until physician releases student to return to school. All cases must be reported to PA Dept of Health.

Mononucleosis- May return to school after cleared by a physician.

MRSA- May return to school 24- 48 hours after institution of appropriate therapy or released by a physician to return. Affected area must remained covered while child is in school.

Mumps- May return to school nine days from the onset of disease or until swelling stops.

Pink Eye (Conjunctivitis)- May return to school 24 hours from institution of appropriate therapy and if pus-like discharge has ceased.

Ringworm- May return to school after appropriate treatment is started.

Scabies- May not return to school until treated and released by physician.

Streptococcal Diseases (Strep throat, Scarlet Fever)- May return to school after 24-48 hours after institution of therapy.

Whooping Cough (Pertussis)- Excluded from school until cleared by a physician to return.