

Table 1. Level of evidence and level of recommendation for school exclusion of students with infectious diseases

Level of evidence	Source of Data
I	Systematic review, meta-analysis, or well-designed epidemiologic study or trial with >50 participants
II	Well-designed epidemiologic studies with 5-50 participants
III	Case descriptions with < 5 participants, or larger studies of poorer quality
IV	Opinions or clinical experience of experts (not supported by published data)
Level of recommendation	Definition
A	Based on level I evidence
B	Based on level II evidence about the infectious period and/or the efficacy of school exclusion, or on evidence of level I or II regarding the duration of shedding of organisms and/or the interval between primary and secondary
C	Based on level III or IV evidence on the infectious period, efficacy of school exclusion, duration of shedding of the organisms, and/or the interval between primary and secondary cases