

Table 2. Recommendations on the duration of school exclusion for various infectious diseases

Disease	Recommendations based on evidence¹ (level of recommendation)	CDC Recommendations²	Ministry of Health Recommendations³
Chickenpox	5 days from onset of the rash (A)	5 days from onset of the rash	5 days from onset of the rash
Measles	5 days from onset of the rash (B)	5 days from onset of the rash	5 days from onset of the rash
Rubella	5 days from onset of the rash (B)	6 days from onset of the rash	7 days from onset of the rash
Mumps	5 days from onset (B)	9 days from onset	9 days from onset
Pertussis	5 days from the initiation of antibiotic treatment 3 weeks in the absence of treatment (B)	5 days from the initiation of antibiotic treatment 3 weeks in the absence of treatment	5 days from the initiation of antibiotic treatment
Hepatitis A	Children < 5 years: 5 days Children < 5 years: no restriction (B)	One week following onset	No restrictions; enteric precautions for 15 days from the onset of jaundice
Infectious mononucleosis	No restrictions (B)	No restrictions	Not reported
Streptococcal pharyngitis	No restrictions (B)	24 hours following initiation of antibiotics	Not reported
Scarlet fever	5 days following initiation of antibiotics (B)	Not reported	48 hours following the initiation of antibiotics
Head lice	No restriction (C)	24 hours following initiation of treatment	Until certificate issued by treating physician
Salmonella	< 5 years: at least one negative stool ≥ 5 years: at least 24 hours since the last episode of diarrhea (C)	No restrictions	No restrictions

¹cfr. ref 3

²cfr. ref 2

³cfr Ministry of health circular n. 4 of March 13, 1998