

Illness	Child must stay home?
Chicken Pox	Yes - until the blisters have dried and crusted (usually 6 days).
Conjunctivitis (pink eye) Pink color of eye and thick yellow/green discharge	No - children and adults do not need to stay home unless they have a fever or are not able to participate in usual activities. Call your doctor for advice and possible treatment.
Croup (see Coughing)	Call your doctor for advice. Note: Children and staff may be able to go to school unless they are not well enough to take part in the usual activities.
Fifth's Disease	No - the illness is no longer contagious once the rash appears.
Hand Foot and Mouth Disease (Coxsackie virus)	No - unless the child or adult has mouth sores, is drooling and is not able to take part in the usual activities.
Head Lice or Scabies	Yes - children may stay at school or childcare until the end of the day but cannot return until after they have had the first treatment.
Hepatitis A	Yes - until 1 week after the illness starts and when the child or staff is able to take part in normal activities. Children and staff should not go to another facility during the period of exclusion.
Herpes	No - unless there are open sores that cannot be covered or there is nonstop drooling.
Impetigo	Yes - children and adults need to stay home until antibiotic treatment has started.
Ringworm	Yes - children may stay at school or childcare until the end of the day but cannot return until after they have had the first treatment. Keep the area covered for the first 3 days if participating in sports with person-to-person contact.
Roseola	No - unless there is a fever or behavior changes.
RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus)	No - children and staff can go to school unless they are not well enough to take part in usual activities and/or they have trouble breathing. Call your doctor for advice.
Strep Throat	Yes - for 12 hours after starting antibiotics unless the doctor says that it is okay to return to school sooner. Children and staff also need to be able to take part in the usual activities.
Vaccine Preventable Diseases Measles, Mumps, Rubella (German Measles), Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	Yes - Children and staff can return to school once the doctor says they are no longer contagious.
Yeast Infections Thrush or Candida diaper rash	No - follow good hand washing and hygiene practices.
Other Symptoms or illnesses not listed	Contact the childcare center director or school health staff to see if the child or staff member needs to stay home.

### References

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