

Incubation and exclusion periods of common infectious diseases

Disease	Usual Incubation periods (days)	Interval between onset of illness and appearance of rash	Maximum period of exclusion provided child appears well
Children pox	14 . 21	0 -2	7 days from appearance of rash and all sores are dry
Diarrhoea / vomiting	1 . 7		Until 48 hours after cessation of diarrhoea / vomiting
German Measles	14 . 23	0 -2	Until clinical recovery
Jaundice	14 . 42		Until clinical recovery
Measles	7 . 18	3 . 5	Until clinical recovery
Mumps	12 . 25		Until disappearance of all swelling . minimum of 7 days
Scarlet fever	2 . 5	1 . 2	Until clinical recovery
Whooping cough	7 . 10		Until clinical recover
Meningitis	2 . 10		Until clinical recovery and bacteriological examination is clear
Conjunctivitis			Until 24 hours after commencing treatment prescribed by GP
Impetigo	1 . 3		Until skin has healed or 24 hours after commencing antibiotics