

*Mansfield Township Elementary School*  
**COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND EXCLUSION REQUIREMENTS**

**INFLUENZA/INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESS( Influenza A, B, H1N1)**

- ❖ The child must be **fever free for 24 hours** before returning to school following diagnosis of any type of influenza or following an influenza-like illness. Recommend staying home until child is free of symptoms.

**STREP INFECTIONS**

- ❖ The child must be excluded for **48 hours** after beginning antibiotic therapy.

**COMMON COLD and MISCELLANEOUS ILLNESSES**

- ❖ The child must be fever free for **24 hours** before returning to school following any illness. The child may not return to school until **24 hours** after the last episode of vomiting.

**\*\*\*Fever free\*\*\* Temperature less than 100 without the use of fever reducing medicine(Tylenol, Advil, Motrin, Aspirin)**

**CHICKEN POX (VARICELLA)**

The child may return to school when all the chicken pox blisters have formed scabs.

**PINK EYE (CONJUNCTIVITIS)**

The child must be sent home from school if pink eye is suspected. The child may then return back to school, if diagnosed positively, **24 hours after starting** the antibiotic.

**HAND-FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE (COXSACKIE)**

It is not necessary to exclude a child with this disease. If the child has lesions in the mouth or hands, it may be advantageous to keep the child home for comfort reasons. Notify grade level of infection.

**LICE (PEDICULOSIS)**

The child will be sent home if lice is identified in school. The child may return to school once treatment is completed and the child is evaluated by the school nurse. The classroom and possibly other grade levels will be checked.

**RINGWORM**

Lesion must be covered if the child is in school and has not begun treatment. If treatment has been started and the lesion is shrinking, the child may return to school without any lesion coverage. Insist on proper hand washing technique in the classroom and discourage the child from touching the lesion.

**SCABIES**

The child must be excluded for **24 hours after treatment has been completed**.

**IMPETIGO**

The child must be excluded for **24 hours after treatment has begun and the lesion(s) no longer has a discharge**. Classroom desktops should be thoroughly cleaned and any toys that are generally shared among other children should be disinfected.

**FIFTH'S DISEASE**

The child is no longer contagious once the rash breaks out. Diagnosis of the disease is primarily made once the rash appears. The grade level should be notified of this infection.

\*Recommendations adopted from the CDC as of 4/02