

Communicable Disease Quick Reference Guide

<https://humboldt.gov.org/560/Communicable-Disease-Prevention>

Disease name & link to more information	Reportable to Public Health?	Exposure notice needed?	Exclusion recommended	Return to school is recommended
Chickenpox (Varicella)	No	Yes	Yes	Lesions crusted
Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease	No	Yes	Yes, if symptoms of fever or uncontrolled drooling with mouth sores	Symptom onset until 24 hours without fever (without fever reducing medication)
Head Lice	No	Yes	Yes	After adequate treatment
Impetigo	No	No	Yes	After treatment
Measles	Yes	Yes	Yes	Public Health clearance
Parvovirus B19 ("Slap Cheek", Fifth Disease)	No	Yes	Only if a fever is present	From fever onset to 24 hrs. after fever resolution (without medication)
Pink Eye (Conjunctivitis)	No	Yes	No	N/A
Pinworms	No	Yes	No	After treatment
Scabies	No	Yes	Yes	After treatment
Staph Infections, including MRSA	No	No	No	N/A
Strep Throat	No	Yes	Yes	Symptom onset until 24 hours post initiation of antibiotics with symptom improvement
Whooping Cough (Pertussis)	Yes	Yes	Yes	5 days antibiotics

This is a quick reference. For guidance, contact Humboldt County Public Health:

Phone: 707-268-2182 • Fax: 707-445-7346 • Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

After hours, the Health Officer can be contacted via the Sheriff's Office at 707-445-7251