

Disease	Infectious Period	Minimum Absence	Comments
Chickenpox	5 days before rash, to spots scabbing over	5 days from onset of rash	Inform pre-school as potential threat to pregnancy or vulnerable children*
Diarrhoea/ vomiting		48 hours from last episode	
German Measles	For 5 days from onset of rash	6 days from onset of rash	Preventable by immunisations. Inform pre-school as potential threat to pregnancy.
Head Lice		None	Treatment recommended in cases where live lice found.
Impetigo	While sores are open	Until all sores have crusted over and healed	Antibiotic treatment
Influenza	Before and during onset of symptoms	Until recovered	Vulnerable children*
Mumps	7 days before to 7 days after symptoms appear	5 days from first swelling	Preventable by vaccination
Ringworm		None	Treatment required
Scarlet Fever		24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Antibiotic treatment recommended
Slapped Cheek	Before symptoms appear	None	Inform pre-school as potential threat to pregnancy or vulnerable children*
Threadworm		None	Treatment for child and family recommended
Whooping Cough	Onset to 21 days	21 days from onset or 5 days from commencing antibiotic treatment	Preventable by vaccine. After treatment, non-infectious coughing may continue for many weeks

*Vulnerable children. Some medical conditions make children more vulnerable to infections that would rarely be serious in most children, these include those being treated for leukaemia or other cancers, on high doses of steroids and with conditions that seriously reduce immunity.