

2025 Disease and Symptom Exclusion Recommendations/Regulations

Disease and/or Symptom	Exclusion/Readmit in accordance to K.A.R.28-1-2,28-1-6 and Kansas Statute 65-122
Diarrhea/Vomiting	Diarrhea-free for 24 hours without the aid of medication. No vomiting for 24 hours
Eyes inflamed with purulent discharge	No exclusion. If bacterial conjunctivitis, allowed to remain in school once any prescribed therapy is implemented.
Fever with or without other symptoms	Fever-free for 24 hours without the aid of medication. (Blue Valley nursing standard is fever =100°F or above)
Rash	Consider exclusion pending a physician evaluation for explanation of rash.
Fifth Disease	Exclude until fever-free for 24 hours without aid of medication, no longer considered contagious once rash has appeared
Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (HFMD)	Exclude until fever-free for 24 hours without the aid of medication and no open lesions
Hepatitis A*	<i>Childcare</i> : Exclude for 14 days after onset of illness or 7 days following onset of jaundice.
Impetigo	Exclude until treated for 24 hours with antibiotic or physician note
Measles*	Exclude for 4 days after onset of rash; susceptible contacts that are not age appropriately vaccinated within 72 hours of first exposure shall be excluded for 21 days following the last exposure to an infectious case
MRSA (<i>Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus</i>)	If lesions can be covered, then no exclusion; if lesions cannot be covered, exclude until lesions have crusted over
Mononucleosis	Fever-free for 24 hours without the aid of medication
Mumps*	Exclude for 5 days from onset of parotitis; susceptible contacts shall be excluded from day 12 after first exposure to day 25 after last exposure to an infectious case.
Norovirus	Laboratory confirmed cases shall be excluded until 48 hours symptom free.
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	Exclude until completion of appropriate antibiotic therapy. Susceptible contacts not excluded, only monitored for 21 days after last exposure.
Respiratory Virus Illness (COVID-19, Flu, RSV) See CDC Recommendations	Exclude until both are true: symptoms are getting better and no fever for 24 hours without aid of medication. Upon return to normal activities, take additional precautions over the next 5 days.
Ringworm (Tinea)	No exclusion if receiving appropriate treatment; no activities involving skin-to-skin contact until lesions are completely healed.
Rubella (German measles) *	Exclude for 7 days following onset of rash; susceptible contacts shall be excluded for 21 days following last exposure to a case
Scabies	If lesions can be covered, then no exclusion; if lesions cannot be covered, exclude until lesions have crusted over.
Shiga-toxin producing Escherichia coli (STEC)*	School: Diarrhea-free for 24 hours without the aid of medication.
Shigellosis*	School: Diarrhea-free for 24 hours without the aid of medication
Shingles	If lesions can be covered, then no exclusion; if lesions cannot be covered, exclude until lesions have crusted over.
Streptococcal disease (scarlet fever and sore throat)	Exclude for 24 hours following initiation of appropriate antimicrobial therapy; if not receiving therapy exclude for 10 days following onset of symptoms.
Varicella (Chickenpox)*	Exclude until all lesions have formed scabs or crusted over; each susceptible contact not age-appropriately vaccinated within 72 hours of first exposure shall be excluded for 21 days from the last exposure to an infectious case

Please call JCDHE Disease Containment Hotline at 913-826-1303 for further guidance. [jocogov.org](https://www.jocogov.org)

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