



**PUBLIC HEALTH REGULATIONS FOR THE CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

No person having an infectious or contagious disease shall be admitted to any public, parochial or private school, or any other public place.

I. The following communicable diseases MUST be reported to the Sedgwick County Health Department at the contacts listed above. **Exclude immediately** until Health Department disease investigators provide additional directions regarding exclusions, readmission, contact exposure, and preventative measures.

<b>Measles</b>	<b>Meningitis</b>	<b>Mumps</b>	<b>**Shigella (Shigellosis)</b>
<b>Rubella (German measles)</b>	<b>**Salmonella (Salmonellosis)</b>	<b>Pertussis (whooping cough)</b>	<b>**Shiga-toxin producing E. coli (STEC)</b>
<b>Any other unusual diseases</b>			

II. The following communicable diseases MUST be reported to the Sedgwick County Health Department. Disease investigators will provide directions regarding exclusion, exposure to contacts and preventative measures. Additional information is required as outlined here.

- **Chickenpox (varicella):** Infected person shall remain in isolation for 6 days after the first crop of vesicles appear or until the lesions are crusted, whichever comes first. Each susceptible contact of an infected person shall be vaccinated within 24 hours of notification or excluded until 21 days after the onset of the last reported illness in the classroom.
- **Hepatitis A:** Infected person shall be excluded from a child care facility, family day care home, school, food handling, patient care, and any occupation involving the care of young children and the elderly until 14 days after the onset of illness.
  - **Tuberculosis, latent infection:** These persons have a positive skin test and a normal chest x-ray and therapy is encouraged to prevent them from progressing on to disease. They are not infectious, even though they may or may not be placed on preventive therapy.
  - **Tuberculosis, active disease:** These persons are ill with disease. Active disease cases usually exhibit symptoms such as cough, coughing up blood, fatigue, fever, loss of appetite, and weight loss. Active disease requires tests including chest x-ray, skin tests and other diagnostic tests as indicated. Treatment is for at least 6 months and therapy has to be observed. These persons must be excluded until further direction from Health Department TB staff. **Report both infected and active disease** to Health Department staff who will provide directions.

III. The following diseases are not reportable, but infected person **must be excluded** for the duration listed:

- **Impetigo:** Infected person shall be excluded until 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment.
- **Pediculosis (head lice):** Individual infested with lice shall be excluded from a child care facility, family day care home, or school until treatment with an insecticidal drug is initiated.
- **Pinkeye:** (bacterial conjunctivitis): Infected child or student shall be excluded from a child care facility, family day care home, or from school until 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment.
- **Ringworm of the skin and scalp:** Infected person shall be excluded until beginning treatment provided by a health care provider.
- **Scabies:** excluded until the day after treatment has begun.
- **Staphylococcal disease:** Infected food handler shall be excluded from that person's occupation until the purulent lesions are healed or until each wound is covered with an impermeable cover.
- **Streptococcal disease, including strep throat:** Infected person shall remain in isolation for 10 days if untreated or for 24 hours following initiation of antibiotic therapy.

A child may be excluded for an additional period of time if the principal or other school personnel feel it is necessary for the child's protection or for the protection of the other children. A child excluded from school because of any contagious disease shall not attend day care, stores, movies, parties, public gatherings, or be in contact with other children. If a child is excluded because of a suspected communicable disease, certification by a licensed provider is required for re-admittance. In the event of an outbreak of any of these or other communicable diseases, the Health Officer may issue restrictive requirements as needed.

\*\*Enteric precautions are required; this includes meticulous hand hygiene as the single most important measure to decrease transmission. Waterless hand sanitizers may be an effective option in circumstances where access to soap and clean water is limited.

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