

Child has potential signs or symptoms of an infectious disease. These include a temperature, runny nose, cough, lack of energy, rash, ulcers, eye discharge/itchiness/redness, vomiting, diarrhoea.

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Notify the responsible person.

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Notify the parent/guardian or authorised person as per enrolment form via phone

Inform the parent/guardian/authorised person of the following information:

- 1 Their child has been unwell and is showing the following symptoms (then list the symptoms)
- 2 Their child will need to be collected from care and excluded (as per the exclusion guidelines provided on page 2 based on the symptoms).
- 3 Depending on the outcome of the exclusion guidelines on page 2 inform the parent when their child is able to return and under what circumstances.

Complete the Illness Form and have the family sign when they collect their child

Do you know what the disease could be?

Yes

Notify the families that you have a suspected case of the disease using the information sheet from Staying Healthy **HOW WOULD YOU SHARE THIS?**

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No

While waiting for confirmation from the family via a medical professional notify the families that you have a potential case of an infectious disease and will keep them updated.

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Once the infectious disease has been confirmed let families know. If more children are confirmed increase the number of cases on the notice.

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Add the illness to the register and keep track of numbers. Increased numbers may need to be reported to the Public Health Unit (PHU).

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Increase hygiene practices, particularly with items the unwell child was playing with. Increase hand washing practices and PPE.

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Increase monitoring of children for similar symptoms to limit the spread of the illness. Exclude children with symptoms via this process.

# Exclusion Guidelines

Recommended exclusion periods as per  
Staying Healthy 5th Edition

If in doubt request a medical clearance from a doctor before allowing children to return to care.  
For more information regarding infectious diseases contact the Bathurst PHU on 6330 5880

Illness/Condition	Exclusion Period
Any form of gastro/intestinal upset that has vomiting and/or diarrhoea associated (excludes norovirus)	Until 24 hours after the last loose bowel motion or vomiting episode (Norovirus is 48 hours)
Conjunctivitis	Until discharge from eyes has stopped OR a medical clearance is provided from doctor
Fungal infections of skin or nails (e.g. ringworm or tinea); Scabies	Until the day after starting appropriate treatment
Hand, foot and mouth disease	Until all blisters have dried
Haemophilus influenza type B (Hib)	Until antibiotic treatment has been received for at least 4 days
Head lice	Until treatment has occurred - does not need to be sent home immediately
Hepatitis A	Until at least 7 days after jaundice started AND with medical clearance from a doctor
Herpes Simplex (cold sores, fever blisters)	Until the sores are dry (for children not able to maintain appropriate hygiene)
Impetigo (school sores)	Until antibiotic treatment started. Sores on exposed skin covered with watertight dressing.
Influenza and influenza-like illnesses Meningitis (viral); Pneumococcal disease	Until the person is well
Measles	Until 4 days after the onset of the rash
Meningococcal infection	Until the appropriate antibiotic treatment has been completed
Mumps	Until the swelling goes down OR after 9 days (whichever is first)
Whooping cough (pertussis)	Until 5 days after starting appropriate antibiotics OR 21 days from cough starting.
Rubella (German Measles)	Until fully recovered OR at least 4 days after onset of the rash
Streptococcal sore throat (including scarlet fever)	Until antibiotic treatment for at least 24 hours AND feels well
Tuberculosis	Until medical clearance is provided
Worms	Exclude only if loose bowel motions are occurring
Varicella (Chickenpox)	Until all blisters have dried (usually at least 5 days after rash in unimmunised children and less in immunised children). Immune compromised children should be excluded for their own protection when there is a case of chickenpox in the service as for their own safety,
Child has commenced a new medication	Until child has been on the medication for 24 hours with no reaction - check dispensing label for date