

Symptoms and illnesses that exclude children from child care centres

Do not allow a child with any of the following symptoms to stay at the child care centre:

- Fever and other symptoms such as nausea or vomiting
- Fever and a body rash
- Diarrhea – two or more liquid bowel movements (poop) or a change from the child's normal bowel movement (e.g., runny, watery or bloody poop) with no other explanation such as laxative use.
- Vomiting two or more times in the last 24 hours with no other explanation such as medication
- Yellow or white eye discharge that is not treated
- Severe cough
- Yellowish skin or eyes or jaundice
- Irritability, continuous crying more than usual

The table below outlines diseases or illnesses and how long the disease requires a child to stay away from a child care centre.

Disease	How long children should stay away from the child care centre
Chickenpox	Until the fever goes away and spots have crusted over with scabs
Diarrhea with no known cause	24 hours after the last diarrhea
Diarrhea caused by E. coli or Shigella	Until two consecutive negative stool specimens, or poop samples, are taken, 24 hours apart
Diarrhea from Giardia	Until diarrhea stops
Diarrhea from Norovirus	Until 48 hours after the last diarrhea
Diarrhea from Salmonella or Campylobacter	Until 24 hours after the last diarrhea

Disease	How long children should stay away from the child care centre
Flu	Until fever goes away and the child is feeling better
Head lice	Until 24 hours after the first treatment was applied
Hepatitis A	Until one week after the start of jaundice
Impetigo	Until 24 hours after starting antibiotics
Measles	Until four days after the rash started
Meningitis - bacterial or viral	Until the child is better; decision to be made by a doctor
Mumps	Until nine days after swelling started

Disease	How long children should stay away from the child care centre
Pertussis, also known as whooping cough	Until five days after starting antibiotics or until three weeks if not treated with antibiotics
Pinkeye with yellow or white discharge	Until one full day of antibiotic treatment
Pinworms	Until 24 hours after starting treatment
Pneumonia	Until feeling better and no fever and if treated, 48 hours after antibiotic therapy has started
Ringworm	Until treatment starts; keep child from swimming or wading pools and water play until treatment is complete
Scabies	24 hours after starting treatment

Disease	How long children should stay away from the child care centre
Scarlet fever	24 hours after starting treatment
Strep throat	Until 24 hours after antibiotics are started
Tuberculosis	Call Public Health Services at 905- 546-2063
Vomiting	Until the vomiting stops or it is determined that the vomiting is caused by a non-infectious condition