



# RECOMMENDATIONS

## for Temporary Exclusion from a CHILD CARE SETTING

### Children should be excluded from a child care setting for the following illnesses:

- Illness that **prevents the child from participating** comfortably in program activities.
- Illness that results in a **greater need for care** than the staff can provide without compromising the health and safety of other children.
- **Fever, lethargy, irritability, persistent crying, difficult breathing** and/or other manifestations of possible severe illness.
- **Persistent abdominal pain** (continuous for more than two hours) or intermittent abdominal pain associated with fever, dehydration, or other systemic signs or symptoms.
- **Chicken Pox (Varicella)**: exclude until the sixth day after onset of rash or sooner if ALL lesions have dried and crusted.
- **Diarrhea** or stools that contain blood or mucus.
- **E. Coli 0157:H7 or Shigella infection**: exclude until diarrhea resolves and two stool cultures are negative.
- **Head lice (Pediculosis)**: exclude until after the first treatment.
- **Hepatitis A virus infection**: exclude until one week after onset of illness or jaundice (if symptoms are mild).
- **Influenza and Influenza-like Illness**: exclude as long as fever  $\geq 100$  degrees Fahrenheit is present in an unmedicated state. Additional exclusions may be necessary for documented novel strain or pandemic influenza based on state or federal guidance.
- **Impetigo (Streptococcal infection of the skin)**: exclude until 24 hours after treatment has been initiated.
- **Measles**: exclude until four days after onset of rash.
- **Mouth sores**: exclude if associated with drooling, unless a physician has determined it is not a communicable disease.
- **Mumps**: exclude until five days after the onset of parotid gland swelling.
- **Pinkeye or purulent conjunctivitis (pink or red conjunctiva with white or yellow eye discharge, often with matted eyelids after sleep and eye pain or redness of the eyelids or skin surrounding the eyes)**: exclude until examined by a physician and approved for re-admission, with treatment.
- **Rash (with fever or behavior change)**: exclude until a physician has determined it is not a communicable disease.
- **Rubella**: exclude until seven days after onset of rash.
- **Scabies**: exclude until after treatment has been completed.
- **Strep Throat (Streptococcal pharyngitis)**: exclude until 24 hours after treatment has been initiated.
- **Tuberculosis**: exclude until a physician, concurring with the South Dakota Department of Health, state the child is not infectious.
- **Vomiting**: exclude if vomiting occurs two or more times in 24 hours, unless the vomiting is determined to be caused by a non-communicable condition and the child is not in danger of dehydration.
- **Whooping Cough (Pertussis)**: exclude until five days of the appropriate antibiotic therapy has been completed.

*(2009 Red Book, American Academy of Pediatrics, 28th Edition; Managing Infectious Diseases in Child Care and Schools, A Quick Reference Guide, American Academy of Pediatrics, 2nd Edition; 2008 Control of Communicable Diseases Manual, 19th Edition.)*

If you have questions about infectious diseases or immunizations, contact the  
South Dakota Department of Health or your physician.

South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Disease Prevention: 605-773-3737 or 1-80-592-1961

Local Disease Intervention Specialist: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Local DSS Child Care Licensing Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_