

## **Communicable Disease**

If your child has a communicable disease, contact the school nurse. In so doing, it will enable us to inform parents that we have the communicable disease in the classroom; thus, alerting parents to watch for symptoms in their own children. No names of students will be given for confidentiality reasons.

If we suspect a child has a communicable disease, we will contact the parent and advise the parent to confirm this with a doctor.

Children are to remain out of school the required number of days as stated by the Iowa State Department of Health. If you have any questions, we advise you to consult your family doctor.

The Communicable Disease Chart lists these MINIMUM number of days exclusion from school for the following diseases:

1. Chicken Pox – 5 days from onset of pocks or until pocks become dry.
  2. German Measles (Rubella or 3-day)—7 days from onset of rash.
  3. Impetigo—Until 24 hours after treatment is begun.
  4. Measles (Rubeola)—4 days after onset of rash.
  5. Mumps—9 days or until swelling disappears.
  6. Ringworm—Until treatment has begun.
  7. Scabies—Until adequately treated by physician.
  8. Conjunctivitis (Pink eye)—During acute state or until treatment begins.
  9. Whooping Cough (Pertussis)—5 days after start of antibiotic treatment.
- Pediculosis (Lice)—Adequate treatment to kill lice and nits. Although not a communicable disease, it should be reported to the school nurse so the class can be checked, preventing an outbreak

It is important to remember—it is protection to the child who is sick that he/she stays out the required number of days because of complications that might follow as well as protection to the other students.