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periods of infectivity

Periods of infectivity for some common infections are listed:

- ▶ mumps: 3 days before salivary gland swelling to 7 days after
- ▶ chicken pox: a few days before the onset of rash develops and not more than six days after first lesions appear (1)
- ▶ measles: from the appearance of prodromal symptoms to 4 days after the onset of the rash
- ▶ rubella: one week before onset of rash until 4 days after
- ▶ whooping cough: one week after exposure until 3 weeks after onset of symptoms (but only 7 days if antibiotics given)
- ▶ scarlet fever: 10-21 days after the rash onset (but only one day if penicillin given)
- ▶ slapped cheek disease: for up to 14 days before the onset of the rash. A child is no longer infectious once the rash has appeared

Reference:

- ▶ Institute for Child Health, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Trust.