Medical search

school absence (guidance re: common infections)

Exclusion for five days:

- from rash onset chickenpox, german measles (rubella), measles
- from starting antibiotics whooping cough (pertussis), scarlet fever
- from onset of swollen glands mumps

Exclusion until condition has settled for 24 hours

giardiasis; salmonella; shigella

Exclusion until lesions crusted or healed

impetigo

Exclusion from school until treated

scabies

With respect to hepatitis A:

there is no justification for exclusion of well older children with good hygiene who will have been much more infectious prior to the diagnosis. Exclusion is justified for five days from the onset of jaundice or stools going pale for the under fives or where hygiene is poor (2)

Conditions where there is no recommended period to be kept away from school (once the child is well)

influenza; cold sores (HSV); molluscum contagiosum; ringworm (tinea); athlete's foot; hand, foot and mouth disease; roseola; slapped cheek disease (parvovirus); warts and verrucae; conjunctivitis; glandular fever; head lice; non-meningiococcal meningitis; thread worm; tonsillitis