



Reference values for defining suspected fever under different methods of measuring body temperature:

Measurement Method	Celsius (° C)	Fahrenheit(° F)
Mouth probe	37.5 degrees	99.5 degrees
Ear probe	38.0 degrees	100.4 degrees
Anal probe	38.0 degrees	100.4 degrees
Armpit probe	37.3 degrees	99.1 degrees

Source: Centre for Health Protection, Department of Health

Disease	Incubation Period (Days)	Recommended Sick Leave/Date of Return to School
Influenza	1-3	Only those who have been medically certified as recovered or approved by the school may attend classes
Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	1-12	Medically cleared to attend school
Poliomylitis	7-14	At least 14 days from the first sign of illness
Bacillary dysentery	1-7	Medically certified as recovered
Chickenpox	14-21	Until the scabs have fallen off or until medically certified
Cholera	1-5	Medically certified as recovered
Diphtheria	2-7	Medically certified as cured
Hand, foot and mouth disease	3-7	Medically certified as cured
Hepatitis A	15-20	1 week from the first sign of jaundice as instructed by a doctor
Measles	7-18	4 days from the onset of the rash
Meningococcal infection (invasive)	2-10	Medically certified as recovered
Mumps	12-25	9 days from the onset of swelling
German measles	14-23	7 days from the onset of rash
Scarlet fever	1-3	5 days from the date of taking antibiotics or being medically cleared to attend school
Tuberculosis	Indeterminate	Medically cleared to attend school
Typhoid	7-21	Medically cleared to attend school
Viral gastroenteritis	1-10	Until 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting
Whooping cough	7-10	Until at least 5 days of antibiotic treatment has been completed or as instructed by a doctor
Head lice	2-20	Until all head lice have been removed and the school has checked and approved

\*The above guidelines are based on the Guidelines on Prevention of Communicable Diseases in Kindergartens-cum-Child Care Centres of the Centre for Health Protection, Department of Health.