

**Austin ISD Most Common Communicable Diseases**

<b>Condition</b>	<b>Methods of Transmission</b>	<b>Signs &amp; Symptoms</b>	<b>Exclusion from School</b>	<b>Readmission Criteria</b>
<b>Common Cold</b>	Breathing in respiratory droplets containing the pathogen after an infected person exhales, sneezes, or coughs  Direct contact with respiratory secretions from an infected person  Touching a contaminated object then touching mouth, nose, or eyes	Runny nose, watery eyes, fatigue, coughing, and sneezing	No, unless fever	Fever free without the use of fever suppressing medications
<b>Diarrhea</b>	Eating fecally-contaminated food or drinking fecally-contaminated water, or having close contact with an infected person	Three or more episodes of loose stools in a 24 hour period	Yes	Diarrhea free without the use of diarrhea suppressing medications
<b>Fever</b>	Variable by condition	A temperature of 100° Fahrenheit or higher	Yes	Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever suppressing medications
<b>Influenza</b>	Breathing in respiratory droplets containing the pathogen after an infected person exhales, sneezes, or coughs  Direct contact with respiratory secretions from an infected person  Touching a contaminated surface then touching mouth, nose, or eyes	Rapid onset of fever, headache, sore throat, dry cough, chills, lack of energy, and muscle aches  Children can also have nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea	Yes	Fever free without the use of fever suppressing medications
<b>Lice (Pediculosis)</b>	Direct contact with infected persons and objects used by them	Itching and scratching of scalp  Presence of live lice or pinpoint-sized white eggs (nits) that will not flick off the hair shaft	No	No exclusion
<b>Rash / Skin Symptoms</b>	Variable by condition	<a href="#">Visit DSHS Communicable Disease Chart for specific information and additional illnesses</a>		
<b>Stomach Virus</b>	Eating fecally-contaminated food or drinking fecally-contaminated water, or having close contact with an infected person	Nausea and diarrhea	Yes	Diarrhea free and fever free without the use of suppressing medications
<b>Conjunctivitis, Bacterial or Viral (Pink Eye)</b>	Touching infected person's skin, body fluid, or a contaminated surface	Red eyes, usually with some discharge or crusting around eyes	Yes	Permission and/or permit is issued by a physician or local health authority or until symptom free