# **OIST School-Aged Program Illness Exclusion Policy**

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This document outlines the criteria by which a child who has been infected with a communicable disease can be readmitted to the OIST School-Aged Program (SAP). If a medical certificate is required to return to the SAP, parents must present a medical certificate from a physician with permission to return to the SAP upon return. For the calculation of the period of exclusion from the SAP, the day on which the criteria are met, such as lowering of fever has been observed is day 0, and the days past infection are counted starting at day 1.

CDC Management has the final determination of exclusion and authority to exclude any child who constitutes a significant risk to others due to objective signs of an infectious illness or other circumstances.

#### 1. Basic rules

Symptom	When Can My Child Return to the SAP?
Fever (37.5 and higher)	Children can return to the SAP once he or she is fever-free for 24 hours (*Child should be fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medicine.)
Vomiting/ Diarrhea	Attendance may resume 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea. If a child has had 3 episodes of diarrhea in 24 hours, they must visit a doctor and fill out a Re-admission Report before returning to the SAP. If both vomiting and diarrhea have occurred together, the exclusion time is 48 hours.
Blood in Stool/ E Coli Bacteria	After a doctor determines that there is no longer a threat of the bacteria spreading. Please fill out the <u>Dr's Opinion Form</u> upon return. (Click <u>here</u> for Bristol Stool Form Scale, Stool Classification Index)

## 2. Common Childhood Diseases

The following guidelines apply when a child has been diagnosed by a physician.

Disease/	Incubation	Symptoms	When Can My	Document
Infection	Period		Child Return to	Required for
			the CDC?	Readmission
Rotavirus	1 - 3 days	Fever, diarrhea, vomiting,	24 hours after	Re-admission
Norovirus		abdominal pain, loss of	being fever-free,	Report
Adenovirus		appetite, dehydration,	vomiting or	
		decreased urination, dry	diarrhea subside,	
		mouth and throat, feeling	and regular meals	
		dizzy when standing up,	can be taken.	
		crying with few or no	(*Child should be	
		tears and usual sleepiness	fever free without	
		or fussiness, abdominal	the use of fever-	
		cramp, joint and muscle	reducing	
		pain, headache, extreme	medicine) If both	
		tiredness	vomiting and	
			diarrhea have	
			occurred	
			together, the	
			exclusion time is	
			48 hours.	
Pink Eye	2 - 14 days	Discomfort in the eye (it	After a doctor	Dr's Opinion
(Conjunctivitis		may feel like sand in the	determines that	<u>Form</u>
)		eye), redness of the eye	there is no longer	
		and inner eyelid, eye	a threat of the	
		discharge, swollen	disease	
		eyelids, sensitivity to	spreading.	
		bright light		
Hepatitis A	15 - 50	Nausea, vomiting,	1 week after the	Re-admission
Virus	days	diarrhea, jaundice, fever,	onset of	<u>Certificate</u>
		abdominal pain	symptoms.	
RS Virus	4 - 6 days	Coughing with or without	After the serious	Re-admission
Infection		mucus produces soreness	cough subsides	Report
(Bronchiolitis)		in the chest, exhaustion,	and all body	
		mild headache, mild body	symptoms are	
		aches, watery eyes, sore	gone	
		throat	.6	
Pneumonia	14 - 21	Dry cough, chest pain,	After the serious	Re-admission
	days	fever, trouble breathing	cough subsides	Report
			and is fever-free	
			for 24 hours	

Fifth Disease	4 - 14 days	Fever, headache, runny	After symptoms	Re-admission
(Erythema		nose, rash	(except for the	<u>Report</u>
Infectious)			rash) are gone,	
			fever-free for 24	
			hours and in good	
			health condition	
			overall	
Croup	1 - 4 days	Cold symptoms like	After the cough	
		sneezing and runny nose,	has subsided,	
		fever, barking cough,	fever-free for 24	
		heavy breathing, and	hours, and body	
		hoarse voice. Immediate	symptoms are	
		medical attention is	gone	
		required if croup		
		threatens your child's		
		ability to breathe.		
Hand, Foot,	3 - 6 days	Fever; loss of appetite;	24 hours fever	Re-admission
and Mouth		runny nose; sore throat; a	free, all sores	Report
Disease		blister-like rash on the	have dried and	
		hands, feet and in mouth	crusted, and	
		usually develops 1 to 2	regular meals can	
		days after the initial	be taken	
		symptoms		
Roseola	9 - 10 days	Fever, rash, fatigue,	24 hours fever-	Re-admission
(Exanthem		irritability, mild diarrhea,	free and rash is	<u>Report</u>
Subitem)		runny nose, decreased	gone	
		appetite, swollen eyelids		
Herpangina	3 - 6 days	High fever and mouth	Fever-free for 24	Re-admission
		sores	hours and regular	<u>Report</u>
			meals can be	
			taken	
Scabies	30 days	Intense, persistent itching	After treatment	
		of the skin around the	has been	
		chest, arms, hands, legs,	completed	
		and genital area		
Water Warts	14 - 46	Begin as small, firm,	Must remain	
(Molluscum	days	dome-shaped growths.	covered while at	
Contagiosum)		They can become red and	the SAP	
		inflamed, and may be		
		itchy. They can be easily		
		removed by scratching or		
		rubbing, which can		
		spread the virus to		

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		adjacent skin. Usually		
		appear on the face, neck,		
		armpits, arms, and tops		
		of the hands in children		
Head Lice	10 - 30	Itching on the scalp. Lice	After the first	
	days	may be visible but are	treatment, re-	
		difficult to spot because	evaluate after 1	
		they are small. Lice eggs	week -	
		(nits) on hair shafts.		
Impetigo	2 - 10 days	May start with one blister	24 hours after the	
	,	or a group of blisters. The	first antibiotic	
		blisters burst and leave a	treatment.	
		patch of red, wet skin.	Blisters must	
		The spot becomes coated	remain covered	
		with a crust. There can be	while at the SAP	
		small spots around the	Willie de cire o/ ii	
		first spots, spreading		
		outwards, usually itchy.		
		The sore takes 1-3 days to		
		develop after contact		
		with fluid or crust from a		
		sore. Feeling often occurs		
		on the edge of a sore.	40.1	
Streptococcus	2 - 14 days	Severe sore throat,	48 hours after	Re-admission
(Strep Throat)		painful swallowing, bad	first antibiotic	Report
		breath, fever, tender and	treatment and	
		swollen glands in the	fever-free for 24	
		neck, headache, nausea,	hours	
		vomiting, and abdominal		
		pain		
Scarlet Fever	2 - 5 days	High fever and sore	24 hours after	Re-admission
		throat. After a day or two,	first antibiotic	<u>Report</u>
		a red, body-wide fast and	treatment and	
		other signature	fever-free for 24	
		symptoms (such as skin	hours	
		pigmentation and what's		
		known as "strawberry		
		tongue" will develop.		
Pinworm	2 - 5 days	Diarrhea, itching of the	After the first	
	,	anal or vaginal area,	antibiotic	
		insomnia, irritability, and	treatment, they	
		restlessness. Some	bathed and have	
		people with pinworms	trimmed, and	

		have no symptoms.	scrubbed their
			nails
Epstein-Barr	4 - 6 weeks	Fatigue, fever, lack of	After completing
Virus/Mono		appetite, rash, sore	antibiotic
		throat, swollen glands in	treatment, must
		the neck, weakness, and	be fever-free for
		sore muscles. Young	24 hours with all
		children are often	the symptoms
		asymptomatic.	subsided

### 3. Category 3 Infectious Diseases

Cholera, Bacillary Dysentery, Typhoid Fever, Paratyphoid, Enterohemorrhagic E. Coli Infection, Epidemic Keratoconjunctivitis, Acute Hemorrhagic Conjunctivitis, any other infectious disease identified by the Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare.

When a category three infectious disease occurs, the children will be excluded from the SAP until it is determined by a physician that there is no further risk of infection based on an up-to-date diagnosis. \*Medical certificate will be required for readmission.

### 4. Category 2 Infectious Diseases

The following guidelines apply when the child has been diagnosed by a physician.

Disease/	Incubation	Symptoms	When Can My	Document
Infection	Period		Child Return to	Required for
			the CDC?	Readmission
Influenza	1 - 4 days	Fever, joint and muscle	5 days (6th day)	<u>Influenza</u>
		pain, headache, extreme	after the onset	<u>Progress</u>
		tiredness, dry cough, sore	and 72 hours	<u>Report</u>
		throat, runny or stuffy	after being fever-	
		noses, chills	free (*child	
			should be fever-	
			free without the	
			use of fever-	
			reducing	
			medicine) Paren	
			t must fill out and	
			submit an	
			influenza progress	
			report and submit	
			it to the SAP	
			office before he	
			or she will be	

			admitted back.	
COVID-19	5-14 days	Fever, respiratory	5 days (6th day)	COVID-19
COVID 13	(*Median	symptoms, headache,	after the onset	Readmission
	incubation	extreme tiredness,	and 24 hours	Report
	period for	gastrointestinal	after the	
	the	symptoms, runny nose,	symptoms have	
	Omicron	loss of taste and smell.	subsided.	
	variant is 3	Some infected people do	If asymptomatic,	
	days)	not develop any	children can be	
		symptoms	readmitted to the	
		(asymptomatic)	SAP after 5 full	
			days (6th day)	
			from the day they	
			test positive.	
Whooping	7 - 10 days	Runny nose, low-grade	5 days after	Dr's Opinion
Cough	,	fever, mild occasional	appropriate	Form
(Pertussis)		cough, apnea - a pause in	antibiotic treatme	
		breathing (in infants),	nt has been	
		rapid coughs followed by	completed	
		a high pitched "whoop"		
		sound, coughing fits,		
		vomiting during or after		
		coughing fits, exhaustion		
		(very tired) after coughing fits		
Measles	8 - 12 days	High fever, runny nose,	4 days after onset	Dr's Opinion
	,	red and watery eyes,	of rash and 72	<u>Form</u>
		cough, white spots inside	hours after being	
		cheeks, red rash on the	fever-free	
		body		
Mumps	16 - 18	Headache, loss of	9 days after onset	Dr's Opinion
(Epidemic	days	appetite, low-grade fever,	of symptoms	<u>Form</u>
Parotitis)		parotitis (inflammation of		
		glands), pain in the neck		
		area, continual low to		
		high fever		
Rubella	16 - 18	Low-grade fever,	After the rash is	<u>Dr's Opinion</u>
(German	days	headache, mild pine eye	gone	<u>Form</u>
Measles)		(redness or swelling of		

Chicken Pox (Varicella)	14 - 16 days	eyes), general discomforts, swollen and enlarged lymph nodes, cough, runny nose Rash (fluid-filled with blisters), fever, tiredness, loss of appetite, headache	After all the sores have dried and crusted (usually 6 days)	Dr's Opinion Form
Pool Fever (Pharyngoconj unctival fever)	2 - 14 days	Red eyes, sore throat, high fever, headache, loss of appetite, watery eyes, eye discharge	48 hours after all symptoms are gone	Dr's Opinion Form
Tuberculosis	28 - 42 days	Unexplained weight loss, loss of appetite, fever, fatigue	After a doctor determines there is no longer a threat of the disease spreading	Dr's Opinion Form
Meningococca I Meningitis	2 - 4 days	Stiff neck, high fever, sensitivity to light, confusion, headaches, and vomiting. In infants, bulging fontanelle and ragdoll appearances are commonly found. Less common symptoms are hemorrhagic rash and rapid circulatory collapse.	After a doctor determines that there is no longer a threat of the disease spreading *Medical certificate required	Dr's Opinion Form

### 5. Category 1 Infectious Diseases

Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever, Crimean / Congo Hemorrhagic Fever, Smallpox, Hemorrhagic Fever of South America, Plague, Marburg Disease, Lassa Fever, Polio (Acute Myelitis), Diphtheria, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) Coronavirus, Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) Coronavirus, Avian Influenza, New Influenza, and any serious emerging infectious disease identified by the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare.

When a category one infectious disease occurs, the OIST Business Continuity Plan (BCP) for Pandemic Influenza and Emerging Infectious Disease is applied.

## 6. Hygiene control in the SAP

Hand washing has been identified as the major way to prevent the spread of all communicable diseases. Children will be required to wash their hands upon entering the building, after toileting, and before meals and snacks. They will also be required to wash their hands after sneezing, wiping their noses, etc.

Staff and parents entering the facility will follow these practices to prevent the spread of disease and to model proper health practices for the children

#### When to wash hands

- Entering the classroom
- · Before, during, and after preparing food
- Before and after eating
- Before and after treating a cut or wound
- After using the toilet
- · After cleaning up a child who has used the toilet
- · After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- · After wiping a child's nose, and/or assisting in wiping bodily fluid
- After touching garbage

#### SAP handwashing procedure

- 1. Wet your hands with clean running water
- 2. Apply soap
- 3. Wash the palm of your hands
- 4. Wash the back of your hands
- 5. Wash your fingers and between your fingers
- 6. Wash your thumbs
- 7. Wash the tip of your fingers and nails
- 8. Wash your wrists
- 9. Rinse your hands well under running water
- 10. Dry your hands using a clean/ disposable towel