

Exclusion & Clearance Criteria for Notified Infectious Diseases

Disease	Time off work, school or child care and clearance requirements	Restrictions apply to	Exclusion and Clearance requirements for close (usually household) contacts
Campylobacter Cryptosporidium Giardia Yersinia	Exclude until free of all symptoms for 24 hours No clearance specimens required	<i>Food handlers</i> <i>Staff of health care facilities or early childcare facilities</i> <i>children aged under 5 years attending childcare centres</i> <i>other adults or children at higher risk due to illness or disability</i>	Not required
*Acute gastroenteritis including norovirus	Exclude until free of all symptoms for 48 hours No clearance specimens required		
<i>Salmonella</i> (excluding <i>S. typhi</i> & <i>S. paratyphi</i>)	Exclude until satisfy clearance criteria – 2 consecutive negative faecal specimens required. The specimens must be taken at least 24 hours apart and if on antibiotics at least 48 hours after course is finished	<i>Food handlers</i>	Exclude until 1 negative clearance specimen is provided <i>Food handlers</i>
	Exclude until symptom free for 24 hours No clearance specimens required	<i>Staff of health care facilities or early childcare facilities</i> <i>children aged under 5 years attending childcare centres</i> <i>other adults or children at higher risk due to illness or disability</i>	Not required
<i>Salmonella typhi</i> & <i>Salmonella paratyphi</i>	Exclude until satisfy clearance criteria – 2 consecutive negative faecal specimens required. The specimens must be taken at least 24 hours apart and if on antibiotics at least 48 hours after course is finished and no earlier than a month after the onset of symptoms	<i>Food handlers</i> <i>Staff of health care facilities or early childcare facilities</i> <i>children aged under 5 years attending childcare centres</i> <i>other adults or children at higher risk due to illness or disability</i> <i>school children*</i> *school children until clearance criteria satisfied or as discussed with MOH	Exclude until 2 consecutive negative faecal specimens required. Must be taken at least 24 hours apart <i>Food handlers</i> <i>Staff of health care facilities or early childcare facilities</i> <i>children aged under 5 years attending childcare centres</i> <i>other adults or children at higher risk due to illness or disability</i> ALL other household contacts required to provide 1 negative faecal sample
<i>Shigella</i> VTEC	Exclude until satisfy clearance criteria – 2 consecutive negative faecal specimens required. The specimens must be taken at least 24 hours apart and if on antibiotics at least 48 hours after course is finished	<i>Food handlers</i> <i>Staff of health care facilities or early childcare facilities</i> <i>children aged under 5 years attending childcare centres</i> <i>other adults or children at higher risk due to illness or disability</i>	Exclude until 1 negative clearance specimen <i>Food handlers</i> <i>Staff of health care facilities or early childcare facilities</i> <i>children aged under 5 years attending childcare centres</i> <i>other adults or children at higher risk due to illness or disability</i>
Hepatitis A	Until recommended by the Medical Officer of Health	All cases of Hepatitis A	As recommended by the Medical Officer of Health

* Not every case of acute gastroenteritis is notifiable – only those where there is a suspected common source or from a person in a high risk category (e.g. food handlers, early childhood worker, health care worker) or single cases of chemical, bacterial or toxic food poisoning such as botulism, toxic shellfish poisoning and any cases of verocytotoxic *E. coli* (VTEC).

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