

ODH Communicable Disease Chart Changes for 2009

Topic	Column	Content
General		Changed- "local board of health" to "local health district" Both terms have the same meaning.
Chickenpox	Other	Removed: Individual cases should be reported using the confidential report card (#3812.11). Report to the local health dept. where the patient resides.
Diarrheal Diseases	Control	Added: Clostridium difficile (C. difficle)- infectious disease which may be spread to others, however, only people in health care settings or on antibiotics are likely to become ill. To prevent the spread, good handwashing technique must be followed. Alcohol rubs should be avoided because they are not effective against spore-forming bacteria. Recently a new strain has been reported to CDC which has caused hospital outbreaks in several states. May return to school setting after diarrhea free for 24 hours. Refer to the ODH website for additional infection control guidelines: http://www.odh.ohio.gov/pdf/IDCM/sect3TOC.pdf
	Control	Removed: CYCLOSPORA
	Control	Added in red: Rotavirus/Norovirus-Follow general control measures above.
	Other	Added:"Bleach solution should be used to disinfect/sanitize surfaces contaminated with diarrhea or vomitus."
Flu	Incubation/Symp.	Changed Incubation to: 1-4 Days
	Control	Change to: Most adults may be able to infect others beginning 1 day before symptoms develop and up to 5 days after the onset of symptoms. Children may be infectious for 10 days or more after the onset of symptoms.
	Control	Added: Exclusion from child care or school is based on symptoms that exclude children (i.e., fever)
	Other	Changed first sentence to: Any child 6 months and older can be vaccinated against influenza, and vaccination is now recommended for all children 6 months through 18 years of age. Influenza vaccination is recommended for all close contacts of young children, including adult caregivers in the child care setting.
	Other	Removed: Flu should be reported by the end of the working week in which the existence of such cases is known to your local board of health.
German Measles	Disease	Changed the name to Rubella and put German Measles in parenthesis. Moved this disease to the "R" section of the chart.
	Control	Added- Persons with congenital rubella shall be excluded from school or child care until they are one year old unless nasal and urine cultures after three months of age are repeatedly negative for rubella.
Head Lice	Other	Changed in red to: Store items that cannot be washed in a closed container/bag for 14 days
Hep B	Other	Changed 3 rd sentence to: Immune globulin (IG) or vaccine are not usually recommended after exposures in school setting but may be needed in child care classrooms. Contact your local health district for guidance.
Impetigo	Other	Added: MRSA (Methicillin Resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>) is a potentially dangerous type of Staphylococcal bacteria resistant to treatment with certain antibiotics. As with other types of skin infections, cover any draining skin sore to prevent the spread of the infection. Medical assistance should be sought if MRSA suspected. Exclude until 24 hours after treatment has begun or a doctor's note is provided. May return to the child care/school setting as long as wounds with drainage or pus are covered at all times with clean, dry bandages until healed. For more information on MRSA infections, check the CDC

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		website: www.cdc.gov/MRSA or ODH website: http://www.odh.ohio.gov/alerts/mrsa1.aspx
Measles	Incubation/Symptoms	Changed symptoms to- Fever of 103-104° F, runny nose, reddened eyes, cough and severe intolerance to light for 2-4 days. Then a red-brown blotchy rash appears on the face which extends to the trunk and finally to the extremities. The rash and other symptoms usually subside in 7-9 days
	Control	Changed to- Exclude from school or child care for 4 days following onset of rash.
	Control	Changed to: 4 days before the onset of symptoms to 4 days after the appearance of the rash.

MRSA (Methicillin Resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>) – See Impetigo “Other” Column	Add this to Disease Column	
Mumps	Control	Changed to- Exclude for 5 days after onset of parotid swelling
Bottom Section	Animal Bites	<p>Removed old narrative and put in this new narrative below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent access of stray or wild animals to school and child care premises • Bat proof buildings to prevent bats from entering • Choose classroom pets wisely; avoid contact with reptiles and exotic animals • Schools must comply with Jarod’s Law (OAC 3701-54) on animals in school settings • All visiting pets should be healthy, properly vaccinated, and under adult control <p>If a Bite Occurs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confine the animal or obtain an accurate description so it can be located later • Immediately wash wound with soap and rinse with water for at least 10 minutes • Refer to a physician for appropriate medical care • Report the bite to the local health department <p>Bite Prevention Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach appropriate behavior around animals • Be aware of and avoid wildlife and unfamiliar dogs or cats; they may be dangerous • Discourage contact with injured or frightened animals; they are more likely to bite • Encourage proper immunization of pets against rabies • Stress the importance of telling an adult when a bite occurs Rabies Hotline: 1-888-Rabies1
	Phone Numbers	Added: ODH Immunization Project for immunization questions- 614- 466-4643
	Standard Precautions	Added info in red: A chlorine bleach solution (1/4 cup bleach + 1 gallon of water) or (1 tablespoon of bleach + 1 quart of water)
	To Order Charts	Changed to-To reorder charts use this website and the form number below: www.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/inter.asp