Appendix B

MINIMUM PERIODS OF EXCLUSION FROM THE SERVICE FOR ILLNESS

and COMMUNICABLE DISEASE.

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| Amoebiasis *(Entamoeba histolytica)* | Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours |  |
| Antibiotics Prescribed | First 2 days at home |  |
| Campylobacter | Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours |  |
| Chickenpox | Exclude until all blisters have dried. This is usually at least 5 days after the rash appears in unimmunised children, but may be less in previously immunised children |  |
| Conjunctivitis | Exclude until discharge from eyes has ceased |  |
| Diarrhoea | 36 hours from last episode |  |
| Diphtheria | Exclude until a medical certificate of recovery is received following at least two negative throat swabs, the first not less than 24 hours after finishing a course of antibiotics and the other 48 hours later |  |
| Hand, foot and mouth disease | Exclude until all blisters have dried |  |
| *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib) | Exclude until at least 4 days of appropriate antibiotic treatment has been completed |  |
| Hepatitis A | Exclude until a medical certificate of recovery is received, but not before 7 days after the onset of jaundice or illness |  |
| Hepatitis B | Exclusion is not necessary |  |
| Hepatitis C | Exclusion is not necessary |  |
| Herpes (cold sores) | Young children unable to comply with good hygiene practices should be excluded while the lesion is weeping. Lesions to be covered by a dressing, where possible |  |
| Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection | Exclusion is not necessary |  |
| Impetigo | Exclude until appropriate treatment has commenced. Sores on exposed surfaces must be covered with a watertight dressing |  |
| Influenza  | Exclude until well |  |
| Leprosy | Exclude until approval to return has been given by the Secretary |  |
| Measles\* | Exclude for at least 4 days after onset of rash |  |
| Meningitis (bacteria, other than meningococcal meningitis) | Exclude until well |  |
| Meningococcal infection\* | Exclude until adequate carrier eradication therapy has been completed |  |
| Mumps\* | Exclude for 9 days or until swelling goes down (whichever is sooner) |  |
| Pertussis (whooping cough)\* | Exclude for 21 days after the onset of cough or until they have completed 5 days of a course of antibiotic treatment |  |
| Poliomyelitis\* | Exclude for at least 14 days from onset. Re-admit after receiving medical certificate of recovery |  |
| Ringworm, scabies, pediculosis (head lice) | Exclude until the day after appropriate treatment has commenced |  |
| Rubella\* (German measles) | Exclude until fully recovered or for at least 4 days after the onset of rash |  |
| *Salmonella* or *Shigella* infection | Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 36 hours |  |
| Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) | Exclude until a medical certificate of recovery is produced |  |
| Streptococcal infection (including scarlet fever) | Exclude until the child has received antibiotic treatment for at least 48 hours and feels well |  |
| Tuberculosis | Exclude until a medical certificate is received from the treating physician stating that the child is not considered to be infectious |  |
| Vomiting | 36 hours from last episode |  |
| Worms (intestinal) | Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours |  |

The above list is not exhaustive and there are other symptoms that children may have where the service may require the child to remain at home until the condition has been treated. Some of the following may fall into that category:

* Earache
* Temperature 38 degrees
* Deep persistent coughing
* Difficulty breathing or untreated wheezing
* Complaints of stiff neck and headache
* Head Lice