

# WISCONSIN CHILDHOOD COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

## Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Disease Name (aka, causative agent)	Spread By	Incubation Period Time from exposure to symptoms	Signs and Symptoms	Time Period When Person is Contagious	Criteria for Exclusion from School or Group
<b>Chlamydia R</b> ( <i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> ) <b>Gonorrhea R</b> ( <i>Neisseria gonorrhoea</i> )	Sexual contact, infants at delivery, eye mucus/discharge	2-14 days or longer for chlamydia	Neonatal conjunctivitis, pneumonia, genital tract infections, purulent discharge from urethra/cervix, ectopic pregnancy, PID, may be asymptomatic	Until 2 weeks after treatment begins or months if untreated	None
<b>Herpes Simplex</b> (Herpes simplex virus)	Oral and sexual contact, infants at delivery	2-12 days	Blisters on/around genitals, rectum, mouth; may recur	2-7 weeks after primary infection; intermittent shedding without sores	None
<b>HPV V</b> (Human papillomavirus)	Sexual contact or contact with cutaneous warts	3 months to several years	Flat/raised skin warts, cauliflower-like warts in anogenital area	Unknown	None
<b>Syphilis R</b> ( <i>Treponema pallidum</i> ) <b>Chancroid R</b> ( <i>Haemophilus ducreyi</i> )	Sexual contact, contact with lesion or secretion, syphilis can infect unborn babies	10-90 days for syphilis, 3-5 days for chancroid	Syphilis: painless genital chancres, rash on palms or soles of feet, generalized body rash, oral/genital mucus membrane lesions; Chancroid: painful genital ulcers, tender glands	1-2 weeks after treatment initiated or months to years if untreated	None

### Onsite Control and Prevention Measures

**For all diseases:** Prevent others from touching lesions and discharge; maintain good handwashing and personal hygiene

**R** = Reportable to state and local health departments    **V** = Vaccine available to prevent illness    **\*Susceptible/At Risk** = Persons not immunized, with compromised immune systems, or pregnant    **\*High-Risk Settings** = Health care, child care, food service.  
**Three Key Criteria for Exclusion:** Most childhood illnesses do not require exclusion. Caregiver/teacher should determine if the illness 1) prevents child from participating comfortably in activities, 2) results in need for care that is greater than staff can provide without compromising health and safety of other children or 3) poses risk of spread. If any of these criteria are met, child should be excluded regardless of the type of illness.

This chart of selected communicable diseases information is meant only as a guide to answer questions frequently asked of persons who have responsibility for groups of children in day care centers, schools, summer camps, or other similar situations. The chart is not meant to be an all-inclusive list of significant diseases, or be a comprehensive guide to all the information about each disease. More specific information about these or other diseases may be obtained from your local public health agency or at: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/index.htm>



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