WISCONSIN CHILDHOOD COMMUNICABLE DISEASES: SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS

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
Chlamydia [!] (Chlamydia trachomatis) Gonorrhea [!] (Neisseria gonorrhea)	Sexual contact, infants at delivery, eye mucus or 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
Chancroid ! (Haemophilus ducreyi)	Sexual contact, contact with sore(s)	3–5 days	Painful genital ulcers, tender glands	1–2 weeks after treatment begins	None
Congenital Syphilis ! (Treponema pallidum)	Through the bloodstream from a pregnant person with syphilis to their baby in the womb	Anytime during pregnancy	Babies may not have symptoms or have a rash, rhinitis (sniffles), white patches in the mouth, deformed teeth or bones, severe low blood count, enlarged liver or spleen, jaundice (yellowing skin or eyes); miscarriage or stillbirth	Babies can become infected if the pregnant person has an untreated Infection during pregnancy; babies are unlikely to spread the infection to others	None
Herpes Simplex (Herpes simplex virus)	Skin-to-skin contact such as during kissing; oral, anal, and vaginal sex and sexual contact, infants at vaginal delivery	2–12 days	Blisters on/around genitals, rectum, mouth; may recur	Most infectious 2–7 weeks after primary infection; even if a person does not have any symptoms, they can still be infectious	None
HPV (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

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Syphilis ! (Treponema pallidum)	Sexual contact, contact with sore(s)	10–90 days	Painless genital sore, rash on body, palms of hands, bottoms of feet, sores or white patches on mouth or vagina	1–2 weeks after treatment begins or months to years if untreated; most contagious when sores are present	None

Onsite Control and Prevention Measures

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

[] = Reportable to State and local health departments

= Vaccine preventable

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1Fever = Temperature 100.4°F or higher, regardless of the route it is taken (mouth, rectum, armpit, ear, forehead). Only take a child's temperature if the child seems ill.

²At risk or more likely to get sick = Persons not immunized, with compromised immune systems, or pregnant

³High 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/childhood-communicable-diseases.htm

