



**School and Daycare Exclusion Requirements for Pertussis**  
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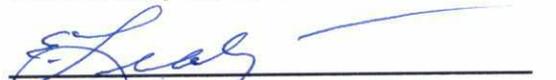
**Effective May 17, 2019 the following exclusion requirements are in place for public and private daycares and schools (pre-school through post-secondary) that have had at least one laboratory confirmed case of pertussis in their daycare or school:**

- **Confirmed case of pertussis:** Any student, faculty, or staff who has a lab-confirmed positive test for pertussis must be excluded from the daycare, school and school activities until they have completed **five days of antibiotic treatment** for pertussis; **OR** for 21 days from the date of symptoms\* began if antibiotic treatment is not taken.
- **Symptomatic\* of pertussis:** Students who have been removed from school and referred to a health care provider by school or health officials for symptoms of pertussis\* must remain excluded from school and school activities until the school has received:
  - Documentation from a health care provider that the student was evaluated for pertussis and that testing was not warranted nor conducted: **OR**
  - Documentation of a negative pertussis test **or** of five days of antibiotic treatment.

School administrators are responsible for adhering to these exclusion requirements during the pertussis outbreak and until further notice. If a student, parent, or guardian does not comply with exclusion requirements, school authorities shall contact the Missoula City-County Health Department. For questions or reports, please call 258-3896.

*\*Symptoms include runny nose, sneezing, low grade fever, cough. The earliest symptoms are similar to the start of a cold, and a cough, if present, may be mild at first. However, pertussis is contagious during these early symptoms. Later symptoms are a worsening cough and coughing fits.*

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