

**Summary of Changes in the Texas Administrative Code
Regarding Notifiable Conditions and School Exclusion Criteria**

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Changes to what condition to report:

Newly reportable:

Amebic meningitis and encephalitis

Anaplasmosis

Babesiosis

Chagas' disease (human and animal)

Novel influenza

Polio virus infection, non-paralytic

Renamed: shiga-toxin producing E. coli infection replaced E. coli, enterohemorrhagic infection

Removed (no longer reportable):

Encephalitis (specify etiology)

- Non-arboviral encephalitis

Hepatitis D, acute

Hepatitis, unspecified, acute

Meningitis (specify type)*

- Fungal meningitis
- Aseptic/viral meningitis
- Bacterial meningitis caused by a non-reportable pathogen

*What kinds of meningitis are still reportable?

- Meningitis caused by any ameba
- Meningitis caused by a reportable condition such as *Neisseria meningitidis* (meningococcal meningitis), *Streptococcus pyogenes/agalactiae/pneumoniae*, varicella, etc

Changes to school exclusion requirements:

- Children with fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher), or any condition that presents with fever, should be excluded from school until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever suppressing medications.
- Children with any diarrheal illness should be excluded from school until they are diarrhea free for 24 hours without the use of diarrhea suppressing medications.
- Chickenpox: exclude until the lesions become dry or if lesions are not vesicular, until 24 hours have passed with no new lesions occurring.
- Conjunctivitis, bacterial and/or viral: exclude until physician permission to return or until symptom free.
- Head lice: the exclusion requirements for head lice have been removed.
- Mumps: exclude until five days after the onset of swelling.
- Ringworm: No exclusion if infected area can be completely covered by clothing/bandage, otherwise exclude until treatment has begun.