



Exclusion from Childcare

Any staff or children with diarrhea should be excluded from childcare facilities until one stool specimen has been confirmed negative for *Shigella*. If the stool shows positive for *Shigella*, the individual must complete at least a 5-day course of antibiotic treatment and be symptom free before returning to the childcare center. Two negative stools are required after treatment in order for infected **staff** to return to work. If an outbreak exists, we may require this for children also.

These actions are in accordance with the Indiana State Department of Health's Communicable Disease Reporting Rule for Physicians, Hospitals, and Laboratories, 410 IAC 1-2.3. The rule can be accessed at http://www.in.gov/isdh/publications/comm_dis_rule.pdf.

For more information, contact the Marion County Health Department's Communicable Disease program at 221-2117.