

NOTIFICATION OF MUMPS

Incubation Period: From 12 – 26 days, commonly 18 days

Early Signs and Symptoms: Fever, pain and swelling of one or more salivary glands causing jaw tenderness.

Period of Communicability: From six days before onset of symptoms to nine days after developing swelling.

Method of Transmission: Person-to-person spread by droplet or direct contact with patient's throat or nasal secretions.

Control of Cases: Cases must be isolated and excluded from school until nine days after the onset of swelling. Hospitalized cases should be isolated for the duration of their illness. Articles soiled by or in contact with an infected patient must be disinfected.

Control of Contacts: There are no restrictions among immunized populations. Unvaccinated contacts should be immunized. Susceptible contacts should be excluded from school or the workplace from the 12th through the 25th day after exposure if other susceptible persons are present in those settings.

General Measures: Mumps vaccine is routinely recommended for all susceptible persons, unless contraindicated. Immunization should be given as soon as possible on or after the first birthday and may be given as part of a measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) combined vaccine. Vaccination is required for day care, school and college entry. Proof of prior mumps disease requires signed documentation by a physician, including date of illness, or laboratory evidence of mumps immunity.

* Reportable as soon as possible during normal business hours, but within seven business days, to the local health authority.