

MUMPS
(Reportable Disease - Report to Local Health Agency)

IMMUNIZATION: Refer to current immunization schedule.

INCUBATION PERIOD: From 12 to 25 days, most commonly 18 days

SYMPTOMS: Fever, swelling and tenderness of one or more salivary glands. Mumps can cause complications such as meningitis, arthritis, nephritis, pancreatitis and permanent deafness.

PERIOD OF COMMUNICABILITY: Maximum infectiousness occurs about 48 hours before onset of illness to 9 days after swelling begins. Virus is in urine up to 14 days after onset of illness.

MODE OF TRANSMISSION: By droplet spread and direct contact with saliva of infected person.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: Exclusion for 9 days after swelling begins (less if swelling has subsided) if susceptible contacts are present.

CONTACTS/FOLLOW-UP: Exclusion of susceptibles from the 12th through 25th day after exposure if susceptibles are present. Susceptible contacts should be immunized for protection against future exposure.