

## Mumps

Mumps causes fever and swelling of the salivary glands, particularly just in front of and below the ear. It may affect other organs such as the testes. Mumps can be spread by droplets from the nose and throat and by saliva. Prevention is by encouraging parents to ensure their children are vaccinated.

**Precautions:** Children should be appropriately immunised.

**Exclusion:** The child should be excluded for 5 days after the onset of swelling.

**Resources:** Useful information on mumps can be found at <http://www.hpsc.ie/hpsc/A-Z/VaccinePreventable/Mumps/>.