COMMON INFECTIOUS DISEASES	CAUSATIVE ORGANISM	MODE OF TRANS- MISSION	SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS
Influenza	virus	droplet	inflammation of respiratory tract, fever, headache
Cold sores (Herpes simplex)	virus	direct contact	blisters on lips and gums
Genital Herpes	virus	sexual contact	burning sensation on genitals, blisters and painful ulcers, may cause cervical cancer in women
Tetanus	bacterium	deep wound contaminated with infected soil	muscle paralysis, death in severe cases
Cholera	bacterium	having food or drink contaminated with infected feces	severe diarrhea, high fever, some intestinal damage
Botulism (food poisoning)	bacterium	eating food containing a bacterial toxin	muscle paralysis, death in some cases
Tinea (Athlete's Foot)	fungus	contact with contaminated wet floors towels or shoes	cracks in the skin between toes, itching
Malaria	protozoan	vector of Anopheles mosquito	muscular pains, chills, fever, sweating, death in some cases
Tapeworm infection	tapeworm	having food or drink contaminated with infected feces	malnutrition, weight loss