

Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)

Conjunctivitis (pink eye) is an inflammation of the eye that is caused by a bacteria, virus, or allergies. If conjunctivitis is caused by a virus or bacteria, it is easily spread.

The protocol for responding to cases of conjunctivitis is as follows:

Any student with symptoms of bacterial or viral conjunctivitis will be excluded from school until symptoms have resolved or the student has been treated for 24 hours.

References for information on this topic include the following:

Red Book: 2009 Report of the Committee on Infectious Diseases, American Academy of Pediatrics. p. 144.

State of Delaware, Department of Education, School Nursing: Technical Assistance Manual (Feb 2006), Section C, pp. 39-40.