

Impetigo

Impetigo is a skin infection caused by either staphylococcal or streptococcal bacteria. Impetigo is extremely contagious and can spread quickly to other students.

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

Any child with a rash that appears to be impetigo will be excluded from school for 24 hours after treatment has begun to prevent the spread to other students.

A doctor's note must be provided upon return to school.

References for information on this topic include the following:

Red Book: 2009 Report of the Committee on Infectious Diseases, American Academy of Pediatrics. p. 129.

State of Delaware, Department of Education, School Nursing: Technical Assistance Manual (Feb 2006), Section C, p. 48.