

Tinea (Ringworm)

Tinea (ringworm) is a very contagious fungal infection that requires medical treatment. Tinea can be found on the scalp, body, nails, genitals, and feet.

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

Any child with a rash that appears to be Tinea will be excluded from school until treatment has begun. The lesion must be covered until the nurse determines that the treatment is effective.

Any child with active Tinea lesions in the scalp will be excluded from school until treatment has begun and must provide a doctor's note to 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. pp. 662-663.

State of Delaware, Department of Education, School Nursing: Technical Assistance Manual (Feb 2006), Section C, pp. 52-53.