

COMMON CONCERNS IN SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

Disease: **Reye's Syndrome**

Symptoms: Sudden onset of violent vomiting, mental confusion, extreme, sleeplessness, very fatigued, twitching or jerking movements, hostility, coma.

Incubation Period: 1-7 days following viral infection (cold, flu, chicken pox).

Usual School Action and Comments on Communicability:

- 1.If one or more symptoms appear, call physician immediately.
- 2.Go to an emergency room or hospital.
3. Do not give aspirin or aspirin products.

Source of Infection and Mode of Transmission: Usually follows viral infection. It is not contagious. Cause unknown. No prevention. Requires immediate attention at onset of symptoms. Most common in young children.

Note: Children and adolescents should not be given aspirin containing medications unless specifically prescribed by physician. Good hand washing is the best prevention of disease