

COMMON CONCERNS IN SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

Disease: **Scabies**

Symptoms: Itching, scratch marks or burrow marks. Common sites are thighs, beltline, wrists, elbow, webs of fingers. Scratching may cause secondary infections or rash.

Incubation Period: Days to weeks

Usual School Action and Comments on Communicability:

1. Exclude from school until adequately treated.
2. Communicable until treated.
3. Family should be examined.

Source of Infection and Mode of Transmission: Mite is transferred by direct contact with an infected person and to a limited extent, undergarments or soiled sheets freshly contaminated by an infected person.

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