

## COMMON CONCERNS IN SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

*Disease:* **Strep Throat, Scarlet Fever, Scarletina**

*Symptoms:* Fever, sore throat, headache, nausea, vomiting. (If associated with rash it is called Scarlet Fever/Scarlatina)

*Incubation Period:* 1-3 days

*Usual School Action and Comments on Communicability:*

1. If positive for strep, exclude from school until 24 hours after antibiotic treatment is started and until clinically well.
2. Communicable until 24 hours after treatment is started
3. Exclude until fever is less than 100 degrees for 24 hours.

*Source of Infection and Mode of Transmission:* Bacteria spread directly from nose or throat discharges of infected persons.

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