

COMMON CONCERNS IN SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

Disease: **Cold Sores (Herpes Simplex)**

Symptoms: Vesicles usually on lips but may occur anywhere on skin or in mucous membranes. May be confused with Impetigo.

Incubation Period: 2-12 days

Usual School Action and Comments on Communicability:

- 1.No restriction.
2. May be communicable as long as seven weeks after lesion appears.

Source of Infection and Mode of Transmission:

Virus is transmitted by direct contact with infected persons, a majority of whom have unapparent infections.

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