COMMON CONCERNS IN SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

**Disease:** Pink Eye (Conjunctivitis)

**Symptoms:** Redness of conjunctiva. May or may not have purulent discharge. Eye irritation.

**Incubation Period:** 24-72 hours

**Usual School Action and Comments on Communicability:**
1. Refer for medical diagnosis and treatment purulent drainage.
2. Communicability depends on agent.
3. May remain in school unless purulent drainage.

**Source of Infection and Mode of Transmission:** Most are viral in etiology; some bacterial. May be spread through hand-eye contact. Redness of eye may also be results of allergic reaction.

**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.