

## 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