

## **Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)**

Conjunctivitis (pink eye) is an inflammation of the eye that is caused by a bacteria, virus, or allergies. If conjunctivitis is caused by a virus or bacteria, it is easily spread.

***The protocol for responding to cases of conjunctivitis is as follows:***

- 1. Any student with symptoms of bacterial or viral conjunctivitis will be excluded from school until symptoms have resolved or the student has been treated for 24 hours.***

References for information on this topic include the following:

1. Red Book: 2009 Report of the Committee on Infectious Diseases, American Academy of Pediatrics. p. 144.

State of Delaware, Department of Education, School Nursing: Technical Assistance Manual (Feb 2006), Section C, pp. 39-40.