

## **Impetigo**

Impetigo is a skin infection caused by either staphylococcal or streptococcal bacteria. Impetigo is extremely contagious and can spread quickly to other students.

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

- 1. Any child with a rash that appears to be impetigo will be excluded from school for 24 hours after treatment has begun to prevent the spread to other students.***

***A doctor's note must be provided upon return to school.***

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. 129.

State of Delaware, Department of Education, School Nursing: Technical Assistance Manual (Feb 2006), Section C, p. 48.