

## **Tinea (Ringworm)**

Tinea (ringworm) is a very contagious fungal infection that requires medical treatment. Tinea can be found on the scalp, body, nails, genitals, and feet.

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

***Any child with a rash that appears to be Tinea will be excluded from school until treatment has begun. The lesion must be covered until the nurse determines that the treatment is effective.***

***Any child with active Tinea lesions in the scalp will be excluded from school until treatment has begun and must provide a doctor's note to return to school.***

References for information on this topic include the following:

Red Book: 2009 Report of the Committee on Infectious Diseases, American Academy of Pediatrics. pp. 662-663.

State of Delaware, Department of Education, School Nursing: Technical Assistance Manual (Feb 2006), Section C, pp. 52-53.