



Chandler Unified School District #80

Impetigo

Date:

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Impetigo has been reported in your student's class.

Impetigo is a bacterial skin infection that is caused by group A Streptococcus and Staphylococcus aureus. It is very contagious and individuals should be referred to a healthcare provider.

Symptoms may include:

- Skin sores with a honey colored, gummy, crusty, or blister-like appearance.
- The sores are itchy, and mostly occur around the nose or mouth. Can occur on buttock area of a diapered student

Transmission occurs when a person has direct contact with the sores, drainage, or contaminated hands. In addition, items that have contact with the sores or drainage such as toys, face cloths, tissues, or diapers. Students with these signs and symptoms need to contact their healthcare provider for confirmation of illness and treatment.

Incubation Period: 7-10 days

Contagious Period: As long as untreated sores are present or until sores are treated with oral antibiotics for 24 hours.

Recommended Actions:

- Please notify your school's health office if diagnosed with Impetigo.
- Cover with bandage and refer to healthcare provider for diagnosis and treatment.
- Exclude all individuals if the sores cannot be completely covered with a bandage and refer for antibiotic treatment.
- Students may return to school 24 hours after starting oral or topical antibiotics and the sores are covered

Prevention: Proper hand washing with soap and water, wash all contaminated clothes and bed and bath linens, clean and disinfect any shared items (including toys), dispose of all paper towels, tissues, bandages, and gloves immediately after one use.

Above information from Arizona Department of Health Services.

Thank you,