



Head Start

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Date: _____

Dear Head Start Parent:

Your child _____ was examined by campus staff today and there is reason to suspect that your child may have conjunctivitis, more commonly known as "pink eye".

The Department of State Health Services Guidelines for Schools and Daycares require that any child suspected of having conjunctivitis is to be excluded from school attendance until the following is secured:

- Effective treatment has begun and approval from a physician stating that the child is not contagious and can return to class.

Please do not send your child back to school without a physician's statement.

If you have any questions, please call me at 903-756-5596, ext. 217.

Respectfully,

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(Conjunctivitis Information side 2)



CONJUNCTIVITIS (PINK EYE)

Bacterial Conjunctivitis

SYMPTOMS:

Yellow or greenish discharge from the eye noted.
Eyelids stuck together with yellowish or greenish discharge.
(especially with morning wakeup)
Whites of the eyes may or may not exhibit redness or pinkness.

TREATMENT

Remove dried and/or liquid discharge from the eye with warm water and cotton balls.
Administer medication as prescribed per physician.
Exclusion from school and/or daycare until prescription treatment has begun or physician's release is given.

Viral Conjunctivitis

SYMPTOMS:

Watery discharge with redness to the white part of the eye noted.
No yellow or green discharge or matting of the eye exhibited.

TREATMENT

Contact Primary Care Physician

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