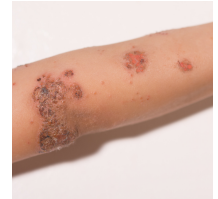


IMPETIGO:

Facts and Prevention Tips for Schools and Childcare Centers

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Impetigo is a bacterial skin infection that can cause sores anywhere on the body.
- Impetigo is often caused by a bacteria group called group A *Streptococcus* but can also be caused by *Staphylococcus* bacteria.
- Impetigo is most common in kids aged 2-5.



SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

- Common symptoms include red, itchy sores that break open and leak a clear fluid or pus.
- These sores are followed by a crusty yellow or "honey-colored" scab that forms over the sore.
- Sores are most commonly found on the face.



HOW IT SPREADS

- Impetigo can be spread by touching or having close contact with sores or fluid from sores.
- Scan the QR code to view the CDC Impetigo page for more information.



WHEN TO RETURN

- Children and staff can return when antibiotic treatment is started as long as the sores are covered until dry, when possible.
- Scan the QR code to view the New Jersey Department of Health Exclusion List.



PREVENTION

- Wash hands and laundry often.
- Clean and care for sores.
- Contact your local health department when there is increased illness.
- To find your local health department, scan the QR code.

