

## Rashes

Children with unexplained, unidentified rashes that are spreading, oozing or crusting, or causing moderate to severe discomfort should be kept home from school and diagnosed by a physician.

Not all rashes are contagious, nor do all rashes need treatment or medication, but since it is difficult to know what exactly is causing a rash, medical advice is recommended.

The following is a list of some of the most common possible causes of rashes:

- Allergic reaction
- Bed Bugs
- Chickenpox (unlikely if your child is vaccinated)
- Eczema
- Fifth Disease
- Hand, Foot & Mouth Disease
- Head Lice
- Herpes (including cold sores)
- Impetigo
- Lyme Disease
- Measles (unlikely if your child is vaccinated)
- Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA)
- Molluscum Contagiosum
- Poison Ivy or Poison Oak
- Ringworm
- Scabies

Children with Chickenpox and Impetigo are excluded from school, until certain criteria are met.

Children with Bed Bugs, Fifth Disease, Hand/Foot/Mouth, Head Lice, MRSA, and Ringworm may need to be excluded from school depending on symptoms.