

Impetigo

Impetigo, a skin infection caused by staph or strep bacteria, is highly contagious and requires careful identification and treatment by a health care provider.

The red sores develop yellow crusts that often form on exposed areas of skin that has been chapped or cut. Areas around the mouth or nose, and skin on the extremities, are the most common sites. The sores often itch, and when scratched spread the infection. The discharge or drainage from these sores is picked up on hands and the bacteria are transferred to other objects or persons.

Preventing the spread of Impetigo

- ❖ Frequent, thorough handwashing.
- ❖ Avoid touching sores or infected areas.
- ❖ Exclusion from school as specified by your child's school.



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