

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The following are symptoms suggestive of communicable diseases. Children with these symptoms should be kept at home. Should any of these symptoms be noted while children are in school, principals and teachers are urged to contact parents immediately. Parents should be urged to have their child seen by a physician and must be excluded from school until fully recovered.

Symptoms common to communicable diseases:

1. Red or running eyes, sneezing or discharging nose.
2. Cough, particularly if persistent or productive.
3. Sores and crusts on the scalp, face or body, particularly if red and swollen or draining.
4. Skin eruption or rash.
5. Sore throat.
6. Swelling and tenderness of glands, particularly about the face or neck.
7. Fever, suggested by flushed, hot face.
8. Nausea and vomiting.
9. Pain and stiffness of neck and headache.
10. Jaundice - - yellowing of eyes and/or skin.
11. Diarrhea and persistent abdominal pain.

Any of the above symptoms may be associated with communicable diseases. They may also be symptoms of non-communicable disease, but must be considered as signs of illness that should have medical attention.