

Your child may have been exposed to:

Pink Eye

Conjunctivitis (pink eye) is redness and soreness of the eye.

If you think your child has Chickenpox:

- Tell your childcare provider or call the school.
- **Need to stay home?**

Childcare and School:

Yes, if there is thick white or yellow and eye pain, the child should not return until examined by a healthcare provider. The provider will need to approve the child for readmission.

No, if eye drainage is clear and watery and the child has no eye pain.

Symptoms

Your child may have redness, itching, pain, and drainage from the eyes. Your child may have a fever.

If your child is infected, it may take 1-3 days for symptoms to appear.

Spread

- By touching secretions from the eye, nose, and mouth.

-By touching contaminated hands, objects, or surfaces.

Contagious Period

While symptoms are present.

Call your Healthcare Provider

- ◆ If he has thick drainage from their eye. Your doctor will decide if treatment is needed.
- ◆ Antibiotic treatment may be prescribed. If the infection is caused by a virus, so specific antiviral treatment is usually needed.

Prevention

- Cover nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing. Use a tissue or your sleeve. Dispose of used tissues.
- Discourage rubbing or touching of eyes. Keep the eye's wiped of drainage.
- Wash hands after touching anything that could be contaminated with secretions from the nose, eye, or mouth. Your child may need help with hand washing.
- Clean and disinfect anything that has come in contact with secretions from the nose or mouth. Use a product that kills germs.
- Use a cotton-tipped swab to apply medication.

For more information, please call:
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