

Disease: Impetigo

Symptoms: Blisters or fluid like sacs covered with honey-colored crusts. May be confused with cold sores.

Time from Exposure to Illness: 1 to 6 days, occasionally longer

School Action and Comments on Communicability: 1. Exclude from school until lesions are dry or written permission from physician.

2. Contagious until sores are healed.

Source of Infection and How It Spreads: Bacteria spread by direct contact with persons or with articles freshly soiled with discharges from nose or throat of patient; may also be spread through the air. Usually caused by Group A Beta-Streptococcus