

**Disease: Pinworms**

**Symptoms: Itching of anal area.**

**Time from Exposure to Illness: 3-6 weeks**

**School Action and Comments on Communicability:**

**1. May attend school. Contact doctor for diagnosis and treatment.**

**2. Communicable as long as worms are present in the intestine.**

**Source of Infection and How It Spreads: Worms are transferred directly from other infected persons, especially children by hand from anus to mouth. Good hand washing after using bathrooms is important. Indirectly transferred through clothing, bedding, food, or other articles contaminated with eggs of parasite. Pinworms of animals are not transmitted to humans.**