

IMPETIGO

- IMMUNIZATION:** None
- INCUBATION PERIOD:** Variable, usually 1 to 10 days depending upon causative organism.
- SYMPTOMS:** Skin lesions with several stages including raised pimples filled with fluid or pus and crusted areas. The infecting organism may be streptococci or staphylococci or both.
- PERIOD OF COMMUNICABILITY:**
As long as purulent lesions continue to drain.
- MODE OF TRANSMISSION:**
Direct contact with drainage from lesions, possibly through contact with contaminated objects.
- SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:**
Exclude until skin lesions are healed, or until 24 hours after medical treatment has been initiated. Current recommendations may include systemic antibiotic medication in addition to topical antibiotics.
- CONTACT/FOLLOW-UP:**
Search for draining lesions