

SCABIES

- IMMUNIZATION:** None
- INCUBATION PERIOD:** 2 to 6 weeks before onset of itching in primary infections; for recurrences, 1 to 4 days.
- SYMPTOMS:** Intense itching. An infectious eruption found most frequently on front of the wrists, webs of the fingers, elbows and folds of the skin. Rash is non-specific and easily mis-diagnosed.
- PERIOD OF COMMUNICABILITY:**
From day 1 until day following adequate treatment
- MODE OF TRANSMISSION:**
Skin-to-skin contact, occasionally via transfer from undergarments or bedclothes, bedding of infected person.
- SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:**
Exclude until the day after adequate treatment is completed.
- CONTACTS/FOLLOW-UP:**
Single infections in a family are **un**common. Bed mates, family contacts, other close contacts having repeated skin-to-skin contact should be treated at the same time as the case. Launder bedclothes, sheets, clothes worn in past 3 days by infested person. Launder bedclothes and sheets following treatment of symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals.