

Velma Penny Elementary

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Hello Velma Penny Parents/Guardians,

We have had a few cases of Impetigo on our campus recently. We would like to share some basic facts about impetigo with you so you can watch for this with your child. We would also like for you to know that, although our custodians thoroughly clean every day, they have deep cleaned the building over the weekend. Our LISD Cleaning Staff are taking extra steps and precautions to ensure all desks and facilities are disinfected and cleaned on a regular basis. The health and safety of our students and staff is of the utmost importance to us.

Impetigo

Impetigo is a bacterial skin infection. It can develop at any time in any skin injury, such as an insect bite, cut, or break in the skin. While it most often caused by a runny nose, it can develop as a result of any skin irritation.

A child can spread the infection to other parts of their body by scratching or touching the area. They can spread the germs to others in close contact by directly touching them or shared surfaces.

What to Look For:

- Red pimples
- Fluid-filled blisters
- Oozing rash covered by crusted yellow scabs

What You Should Do:

1. Call child's medical provider for a treatment plan.
2. Clean infected area with soap and water. Cover infected area loosely. The scabs need airflow for healing. Covering also helps prevent contact that would spread the infection to others or to other parts of the child's body.
3. Keep sores covered until they are healed.
4. Encourage thorough hand washing. Wash hands well after treating sores.
5. Try to keep your child from scratching. If they touch it have them wash their hands.
6. Trim the child's fingernails.
7. Do not permit sharing of towels or face cloths.
8. Observe the rash. Notice whether it improves or gets worse. If it worsens contact your doctor.

When A Child May Return to School or Child Care:

Once treated with prescribed medication has been initiated for twenty-four hours they may return, as they are no longer considered contagious. Please keep the area(s) covered until it is healed.

We request that you please let the campus know if your child has a confirmed case of impetigo so we as district can monitor this situation. Thank you.

Monica Moore, Principal