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## Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)

### Communicable Disease Exposure Notice

Dear Parents:

Your child may have been exposed to the communicable disease **Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)** in a Reach Dane/Reach Green classroom on the following date \_\_\_\_\_.

Please review the information below. If you have any questions, or if your child begins experiencing symptoms of the illness, contact your child's primary care provider or one of the agencies listed below.

Public Health – Madison & Dane County

(608) 266-4821

Green County Health Department

(608) 328-9390

#### **What is conjunctivitis?**

**Conjunctivitis (pink eye)** is an infection of the eye and eyelid lining. It is most often caused by a virus but can also be caused by bacteria.

#### **What are the symptoms of conjunctivitis?**

Symptoms include eye redness, irritation and itchiness. The eye may produce lots of tears and discharge (clear, white or yellow). The discharge may make the eyelids and eyelashes stick together, especially in the morning.

#### **How does a person get conjunctivitis?**

Conjunctivitis is very contagious and spreads easily and quickly from person to person. People can get conjunctivitis by coming into contact with the tears or discharge from the eyes of an infected person and then touching their own eyes.

#### **How long does it take to develop conjunctivitis following exposure?**

First symptoms occur 1 to 3 days after exposure, but are also dependent on what type of organism is causing the symptoms (virus or bacteria)

#### **How is conjunctivitis treated?**

The treatment for conjunctivitis depends on the cause. Your health care provider can advise you on treatment options.

#### **How long is a child with conjunctivitis excluded from childcare?**

Children are excluded from the classroom if they have a fever or behavior change. Antibiotics are not required for return.



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### **How can I limit the spread of conjunctivitis?**

All children and adults should practice good hand washing technique. Persons with conjunctivitis symptoms should seek prompt medical care. Sharing of towels, clothing and other personal articles should be discouraged.