

## Ringworm

A fungal infection of body, scalp, or hair. Common in children

Cause: Several different fungi.

Symptoms: Body—appears as a flat, spreading ring—shaped lesion.

Edge of lesion may be dry and scaly or moist and crusted.

Scalp—begins as a small scaly patch on the scalp. May cause scaling in large areas, mild redness, swelling, pustules and brittle hair.

Incubation: Body—4-10 days. Scalp—10-14 days. Child is contagious as long as infected lesions are present. Spread by direct contact with lesions or contaminated objects (hats, combs, brushes, towels, hair ribbons, etc.)

Can child come to school: Not until 24 hours after treatment begins.

Child should not participate in Physical Education, swimming or activities that is likely to expose others.

Treatment: Anti-fungal ointments or oral medication.

**\*\*DO NOT SHARE PERSONAL ITEMS SUCH AS BRUSHES, COMBS, TOWELS, HATS, ETC. WASH COMBS AND BRUSHES IN HOT SOAPY WATER.**