

Rash Guideline

Assessment

- Immunizations current?
- Does the student “look sick”?
- Any airway symptoms: cough, short of breath, clearing throat, difficulty swallowing, lip or facial swelling?
- Recent or present illness?
- Fever?
- What does the rash look like, where is it located?
- Is the rash open or draining?
- Does it hurt or itch?
- How long have they had it?
- Does anyone else in the family have a rash?
- Can it be covered?
- Headache or stiff neck?
- Allergies?
 - New soap, lotion, clothing, etc.
 - What did they eat today, anything new?
 - Any medications?

Recommendations

- If any of the following are present call a parent and recommend evaluation by provider:
 - Fever 100.4 or higher
 - Accompanied severe headache, neck stiffness
 - Purpuric rash
 - Student looks sick: poor color, decreased level of consciousness.

- If rash is open and draining cover it with clothing or a dressing if possible, if not able to cover notify parent for pick up.
- If child is otherwise feeling well, looks well, no fever or other symptoms:
 - Wash affected skin if possible
 - Consider a change of clothes if applicable
 - Cover if needed
 - Call parent and inform them of rash, inquire about possible allergens, infestations, and other causes.