



IMPETIGO

Disease/Incubation Period

Incubation Period: 4 – 10 days

Not Reportable Highly Contagious

How to Recognize

Small, clustered, pus-filled sores with little drainage. Often on face, diaper area, arms and lower part of leg. Caused by a bacterial infection.

How it spreads

Contact with the fluid from sores. Often spread from one area of the body to another by hand.

When it is contagious

While there is pus in the sore.

What to do at home

- See family doctor
- Use antibiotic treatment as directed
- Hot water washing of contaminated articles
- Encourage child to keep hands away from the affected area.

What to do at school

- Child must not attend until 24 hours after treatment with antibiotics begins.
- Stress personal hygiene.

**For additional information and services
contact your Regional Health Authority listed
in the white pages of your telephone book.**