



PUBLIC HEALTH FACT SHEET

RINGWORM (TINEA)

Dear Parent:

This is to bring to your attention that a case of Ringworm has been reported for a student in your child's classroom and to provide you with information about this disease. If your child exhibits any of the symptoms described below, it is recommended that you consult your healthcare provider or the Department of Health in Duval County School Health Program at 904-253-1580.

What is Ringworm?

- An infection of the skin, hair or nails caused by a fungus

What are the symptoms of Ringworm?

- Round scaly patches, which can appear anywhere on the body
- If on the scalp, may also see short, broke-off hairs
- Itching

How is Ringworm spread?

- By direct contact with an infected person or pet
- By indirect contact with objects or surfaces that an infected person or pet touched
- In rare cases it can be spread by contact with soil

How can Ringworm be prevented?

- Good, thorough hand washing
- Not sharing personal items (combs, hairbrushes, hats)
- Clean and sanitize surfaces

Implications for school

- Exclude students or staff with ringworm of the scalp. Must have a healthcare provider's note to return.
- Exclude students or staff with ringworm of the body. May return after note from parent, nurse, or healthcare provider establishes that student is under treatment.
- During treatment, the affected area must be covered while in school

Resources:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

www.cdc.gov

American Academy of Pediatrics:

<https://healthychildren.org/English/health-issues/conditions/abdominal/Pages/FoodPoisoning-and-Food-Contamination.aspx>

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