

Pink eye (conjunctivitis) recommendations  
Red Cedar Medical Center  
Boyceville Community School District  
Menomonie School District

- Nonpurulent conjunctivitis (defined as **pink** conjunctiva with a **clear, watery eye discharge** without fever, eye pain, or eyelid redness) should not be restricted from school\*, daycare\*, or work except for the following reasons:
  - Restrict while they have eye discharge if they are unable to keep their hands out of their eyes.
  - Restrict while they have eye discharge if they are unable to practice good hand hygiene.
  - Direct patient caregivers restrict contact with patients while eyes are draining.
- Purulent conjunctivitis (defined as **pink** or red conjunctiva with **white or yellow eye discharge**, often with matted eyelids after sleep and eye pain or redness of the **eyelids** or skin surrounding the eye), should be restricted from school, day care or work (including health care workers) until examined by a physician and 24 hours after antibiotic treatment is started.
- **Good hand hygiene is essential in preventing the spread of viral or bacterial conjunctivitis.**